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'TINDERBOX BRITAIN' CRISIS

Sales of disposables AXED

PM: Don't light ANY fires

BAN ON BARBIES

By JOHN LUCAS and JACK ELSOM

DISPOSABLE barbecue sales were finally banned across tinderbox Britain yesterday.

The Government said they were likely to have sparked a number of the devastating wildfires which have been raging nationwide.

PM Andy Burnham, *left,* ordered the public not to set ANYTHING alight, saying: "It's a risk to other people's lives. Don't do it. Please don't do it."

He is also calling in 100 military personnel to support firefighters.

Last night at 7pm the Government sent a rare emergency alert to every phone.

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Claims . . Arday

EX-PROF ARDAY FOUND DEAD

PLAGIARISM row ex-professor Jason Arday was found dead yesterday afternoon.

The 41-year-old, who last week resigned from Cambridge University, was "unresponsive" at a property in Battersea, South West London.

Cops were called by the London Ambulance Service around 3pm. A Met spokesman said: "His death is being treated as unexpected, but is not believed to be suspicious. A file will be prepared for the coroner."

By ODHRAN GALLAGHER

Dr Arday became Cambridge University's youngest-ever black professor in 2022.

But he resigned as professor of sociology last Wednesday amid accusations that he had plagiarised his PhD thesis.

Questions were also raised about claims he made, including that he had run 600 miles in six days and raised more than £5million for charity.

His memoir was due to be published this month.

His resignation came hours after Cambridge said it would investigate his appointment amid "new information" about his qualifications and past career. Dr Arday said he wanted to "reclaim some peace" after an "unrelenting level of public scrutiny". He added: "The relentless accusations, speculation and public commentary have taken a profound toll on me and on those I love."

Dr Arday's family last night said they are "in shock to have lost this amazing father, partner, brother, uncle and son".

Cambridge vice-chancellor Prof Deborah Prentice said: "We are desperately saddened to hear this tragic news."

CHANCELLOR RAISES HOPES

GEARING UP FOR FUEL DUTY FREEZE

EXCLUSIVE by RYAN SABEY
Economics Editor

CHANCELLOR John Healey yesterday raised hopes for millions of motorists across Britain by hinting that fuel duty will remain frozen in his autumn Budget.

Mr Healey said he was weighing up the cost-of-living squeeze on households and businesses as he considers whether or not to abandon a planned 5p hike which is due to take effect in January.

And, sitting down for breakfast with our man Ryan Sabey, he acknowledged The Sun's campaigning through our Keep It Down initiative, which has helped prevent any duty rise since 2011.

Pushed on whether drivers and hauliers would be at the top of his mind when he decides the next step later this year, he replied: "Yes. And just as we, as a Government, have done for the last two years, we've already said there'll be no increase in fuel duty this year."

Noting the effect of the Iran War, he added: "I know the cost of fuel is still high. I'm very aware of the Middle East, as many people are, and the way that's putting pressure on prices at the pumps, prices in the supermarket, prices on stalls. So we take that into account."

The Tories introduced a temporary 5p fuel duty cut in March 2022 to counter rising energy costs linked to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

They extended the freeze during their time in office. Mr Healey must make up his mind whether or not to keep it before his October 28 Budget.

He said: "I'm very conscious of The Sun's championing of fuel duty, fuel prices, and this isn't just a cost of living, it's a cost of business."

Speaking from Rotherham in his constituency in South Yorkshire, he added: "When five million people are self-employed, for many the cost of living is also the cost of business, and fuels are the heart of that."

The Petrol Retailers Association has also written to Mr Healey to urge him to help motorists.

He was appointed by PM Andy Burnham on July 20, quickly introducing a 20 per cent cut to business rates for pubs and music venues.

He said the move would help meet the PM's pledge for growth in every postcode. Figures show a slowdown from 0.6 per cent for the year's first quarter to 0.4 per cent from April to June, but an upbeat Mr Healey said: "Now there is hope."

Chat . . . Ryan &, right, Mr Healey
Picture: GLEN MINIKIN

REPORT TAX DODGE SHOPS

DODGY vape outlets and barbers must be "shopped' over suspicions of tax fraud, the Chancellor says.

John Healey is urging the public to be HMRC's "eyes and ears" if they suspect law-breaking, by using the Report Tax Fraud online system.

Call . . . Ms Currie

Edwina's brothel defence

By ODHRAN GALLAGHER

FORMER Tory minister Edwina Currie has defended saying that a brothel should be opened near a village set to host asylum seekers.

She told Times Radio: "The obvious thing 1,200 young men are going to need in a village like little Piddington is a brothel. I've a feeling that isn't going to be allowed."

The migrants are set to be housed at a disused Ministry of Defence storage depot near the Oxfordshire village – population just 350.

Strictly star Ms Currie, 79, later said she was "making slightly facetiously a serious point" and added: "There are going to be problems."

'Islamic UK' rap

BENJAMIN Netanyahu branded the UK "the Islamic republic of Britain" in an interview.

The Israeli PM also said the UK was the "first Islamic republic to get a nuclear weapon".

Relations have become strained over Gaza and Mr Netanyahu has been critical of Britain's decision to formally recognise Palestine as a state.

Comparing past positive UK media coverage to now, he said: "Go find that in today's Britain."

Lab peer dies at 84

ANDY Burnham last night hailed ex-Labour MP Peter Snape who has died aged 84.

The Prime Minister called him "one of Parliament's great characters", adding: "He always lifted others with a laugh."

Speaker Sir Lindsay Hoyle highlighted Lord Snape's "wit and commitment to public service".

The peer represented West Bromwich East from 1974 to 2001. He was also ex-chairman of his beloved Stockport County.

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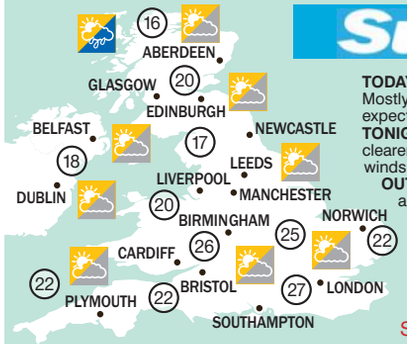

TODAY: Cloudy with sunny spells in Southern England. Mostly cloudy in Northern regions. Breezy conditions expected in central areas.

TONIGHT: Cloudy skies across much of England, with clearer spells in the South-East and London. Light winds throughout the evening and night.

OUTLOOK: Sunday sees mostly cloudy skies across England with mild temperatures. Monday brings similar conditions, remaining mild with occasional clouds.

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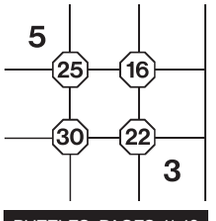

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

HOLLYWOOD stars **BEN AFFLECK, 54**, *left*, and **JENNIFER LAWRENCE, 36, PRINCESS ANNE, 76**, *right*, Carry On actor **JIM DALE, 91**, pop singer **JOE JONAS, 37**, and footballer **ALEX OXLADE-CHAMBERLAIN, 33**.

●**Last night's Health Lottery numbers: 5, 6, 17, 22, 32. Bonus ball: 8. EuroMillions: 5, 29, 39, 48, 49. Lucky stars: 4, 8.**

STRICTLY STARS GET MOVING

LACEY TURNER

DANI DYER

Let's get ready to rhumba

JAIME WINSTONE

Picture: CLICK

DELTA GOODREM

THE belles of this year's Strictly Come Dancing ballroom gathered yesterday for their first training sessions.

Actress Jaime Winstone, 41, put her best foot forward in cowboy boots and denim hotpants, while Aussie singer Delta Goodrem, also 41, flashed her pins in a leather midi-skirt.

EastEnders' Lacey Turner, 38, dressed for the heatwave in a linen frock as she arrived at the rehearsals in London.

And it was deja vu for 30-year-old Love Island star Dani Dyer – back for a second shot at the Glitterball after fracturing her ankle last year.

The TV personality, daughter of actor Danny Dyer, was forced out before the live shows even began.

Others in the line-up include Gavin & Stacey star Melanie Walters, Paralympian Dame Sarah Storey and presenter Will Best.

But it is Dani and Lacey who are joint favourites to win at 4/1.

Team GB skeleton star Tabby Stoecker and Emmerdale hunk Lawrence Robb follow on 5/1.

Football's Shaun Wright-Phillips brings up the rear as a 25/1 shot.

As well as learning their routines, this year's cast will also be put through TikTok training amid the BBC's obsession with social media.

New pro dancer Aleksandra Isaeva has told how the whole troupe had undergone digital workshops. In a new vlog about pre-series training, she said: "Today was a speaking day. We did a TikTok session."

She asked her fellow newbie, Italian Cristian Priori: "Are you good at TikTok?" He replied: "Doing better."

By FELICITY CROSS, Deputy TV Editor

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"It's quite a spectacle watching snazzy supercars prowl around London, and many people enjoy it. Unfortunately, those of a Liberal Democrat persuasion don't like it one bit"

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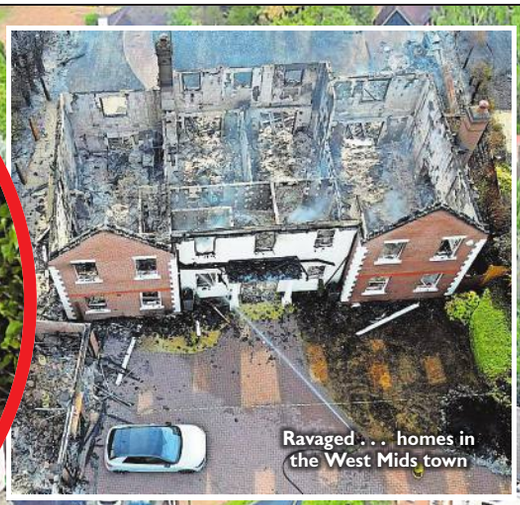
BATTLE TO HALT PARCHED

STOKE-ON-TRENT
Smoke still billows from a group of burned-out homes

Escape . . . residents in Stourbridge



Ravaged . . . homes in the West Mids town

'Apocalyptic' . . . smart Stourbridge residences reduced to ruins yesterday

100 SOLDIERS TO FIGHT FIRES AS 19 IN HOSPITAL

PM: SEND IN

SOLDIERS will help 999 crews tackle wildfires as they struggle with dozens of devastating outbreaks.

By JOHN LUCAS & JACK ELSOM

PM Andy Burnham announced the move as his Government declared a temporary ban on the sale of disposal barbecues blamed for a series of blazes this summer.

Around 100 military personnel are being sent to provide support after South Wales Fire and Rescue Service said it was dealing with 30 fires affecting areas including Blaenavon and Porth.

It requested military assistance to provide "additional logistical and defensive tactical support" after days of intense operational demand.

Mr Burnham said: "That support is critically needed."

Fire and rescue services in differing parts of the country have already been sharing crews.

But the PM said the sheer number of incidents meant the usual system risked being stretched.

At 7pm last night, the Government sent a rare emergency alert to every mobile phone in England and Wales, warning of the risk of activities that could spark flames.

Mr Burnham said the request came directly from fire services. But some mocked the message's tone. Tory MP Neil O'Brien wrote: "Thought WW3 was about to kick off but it is just a message saying not to set stuff on fire. Bizarre."

Meanwhile, the temporary ban on selling the disposable grills was announced by the Business department, which ruled they "cannot be considered a safe product".

As 999 teams continued to tackle wildfires, the Prime Minister said: "Britain is a tinderbox right now.

"Setting a fire in any outdoor setting of any kind is a risk to other people's homes. It's a risk to other people's lives. Don't do it. Please don't do it."

Mr Burnham had first suggested a ban on Wednesday – but did not go through with it until yesterday, the day after fires tore trough homes in the West Midlands.

He also argued the UK must face up to the "changing climate" and transition to "more clean energy".

Business Secretary Jonathan Reynolds said the ban in England, Scotland and Wales was a "common-sense step to protect lives and the environment".

All retailers will receive guidance on the change, which will be kept under review. Some supermarkets had halted sales voluntarily.

The rule came after an emergency Cobra meeting and was announced while the PM visited residents forced to flee their homes as an "apocalyptic" inferno ripped through their street. Up to 300 had to be evacuated due to the ferocious blaze, which engulfed around 40 acres of land close to Stourbridge Golf Club, West Midlands, on Thursday.

It left at least 19 people in hospital, including a child and three firefighters, as residents fled with only minutes to spare.

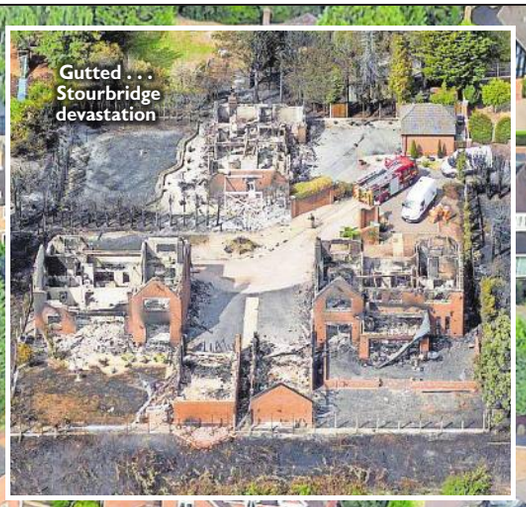
Nineteen houses have been destroyed and 18 damaged, West Midlands Fire Service said.

Last night, some locals blamed teens celebrating A-level results.

A TikTok craze sees some youngsters torching study notes.

Around 100 firefighters had battled flames which raced through tinder-dry grass and woodland before reaching properties. Devas-

UK'S TERROR WILDFIRES


Gutted . . . Stourbridge devastation

Inspection . . . firefighters at blackened house

Engulfed . . . charred shells of two cars

Picture: PETER BYRNE/PA

PM visit . . . Burnham yesterday with cop in Stourbridge

TEENS CELEBRATING A-LEVELS ARE PROBED

THE TROOPS

tated families returned to find homes reduced to charred shells and all possessions destroyed.

Among the worst hit were Gordon and Pauline Addis, and Gordon's daughter Jo Egan, whose two semi-detached cottages were devastated after flames swept across fields behind them.

Gordon and Pauline managed to escape with their dog Chester, but the family was unable to reach Jo's two cats, Hooper and Brody, who are feared to have died.

Gordon, in his 70s, suffered burns to his arm and neck and needed hospital treatment. His daughter Gina Addis said: "The fire spread rapidly from the fields behind and they were lucky to escape with their lives. Both houses have been devastated beyond repair . . . everything is gone — their belongings, their memories and the places they felt safe. We also believe my sister's two cats have sadly perished, which has added even more heartbreak."

One resident commented: "The fire was apocalyptic. I've never seen anything like it in my life."

Members of a riding school said their "legs were burning" as they raced to rescue eight horses.

And local Emmerald Morrall described eight hours of "absolute chaos, panic and fear". She said: "The street was full of bewildered people, dogs panting in the heat. It was like a disaster movie." Thursday's drama was not restricted to Stourbridge, with a series of wildfires across the nation.

Crews battled 11 major incidents, including in Birmingham and Stoke-on-Trent. Two people have been arrested on suspicion of arson.

Defra has urged farmers to stop controlled burning, even where they have a licence or consent. Those in high-risk areas are asked to create firebreaks by cutting, clearing or ploughing dry vegetation instead.

Meanwhile, the PM will today pledge a £65million funding boost to help farmers after the driest July on record. Visiting a farm in the South West, he will say: "The ability to grow our own food is national security, and I will treat it that way."

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Raging . . . flames in South Wales

ALERT IS EXTENDED

A HEAT health alert has been extended until 10am today for much of England.

The amber warning covers the Midlands, East and South. All other regions saw theirs end at 9pm last night.

The UK Health Security Agency says high temperatures may increase health risks, particularly for vulnerable groups.

Officials have urged people to take simple precautions such as staying out of the sun at the hottest part of the day, checking in on vulnerable friends and family, and staying hydrated.

2ND TRAIN DERAILED IN HEATWAVE: PAGE 21

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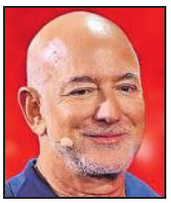

Part of group . . Bezos

Bezos a Red with stake in Liverpool

By BENEDICT ELLIOT

AMAZON boss Jeff Bezos has bought a large stake in Liverpool FC as part of a consortium.

The group – 1892 Holdings – has purchased around a third of the Premier League club in the deal from owners Fenway Sports Group.

Multi-billionaire Bezos, 62, has linked up with a number of other investors for the move.

The organisation is led by British-Indian millionaire Amit Bhatia, an owner of Queens Park Rangers, and he will now become Liverpool's vice-chairman.

Billionaire Facebook co-founder Eduardo Saverin is among the other investors.

The club said: "The strategic investment supports Liverpool FC's long-term growth ambitions by bringing together experts from across global business, technology, and investment."

See SunSport

Brazil trip . . . Bear

TV Bear sentence after cop taunting

By THEA JACOBS

REALITY star Stephen Bear has landed another jail term – after posting clips from a beach bragging that cops could not catch him.

The ex-Celebrity Big Brother winner, 36, breached sex offender notification rules by failing to tell authorities of last year's trip to Brazil.

He also failed to report his return to the UK within three days, and that he'd got a new passport and two bank cards.

Yesterday, at Thames magistrates' court in East London, Bear admitted five counts of failing to comply with notification requirements. He was jailed for 24 weeks.

It will run concurrent with a 16-month term he got last week for breaching an order relating to his ex Georgia Harrison.

Bear, of Walthamstow, had been put on the sex offenders register in 2023 when jailed for leaking a private sex video of her.

BABY KILLER JAIL WATCH

Distraught . . . killer & 'love' in her notes

Deaths . . . hospital where Letby worked

LETBY IN DESPAIR AT DEATH OF 'LOVE'

Doc A collapsed after NHS sacking

EXCLUSIVE
by MICHAEL HAMILTON

BABY-killer Lucy Letby is devastated after learning a doctor she was infatuated with has died.

Prison staff are now monitoring her around the clock, checking her every 15 minutes.

The Sun revealed last week the married registrar had died. It has now emerged it came a day after he was sacked over emails with nurse Letby in 2016 about a baby she was accused of trying to kill.

The anonymous 53-year-old, described at her trial as her "boyfriend", was found slumped in his car at a retail park 20 miles from his Cheshire home.

He was rushed to intensive care at Whiston Hospital, Merseyside, but died nine days later on July 3 – eight years to the day since Letby's first arrest in 2018.

The doctor had later told an inquiry he had been "maybe manipulated" by Letby into giving her information about babies she had attacked.

He was hauled before a three-day disciplinary hearing where it was understood their email exchanges were deemed to be a breach of patient confidentiality.

The doctor reportedly also faced allegations of inappropriately accessing medical records but these were quashed at tribunal.

In 2024, Letby was convicted of murdering seven babies and attempting to kill seven others at the Countess of Chester Hospital between June 2015 and June 2016.

She was devastated. It has really hit her hard

She called the doctor her "best friend" and "love" in notes found at her home, and the pair swapped over 1,300 Facebook messages.

Letby, 36, is serving 15 whole-life terms at HMP Bronzefield in Surrey.

A source said: "Letby was devastated by the news. It has really hit her hard. Inmates and officers read the paper and it was the talk of her jail unit very quickly.

"Staff have been keeping really close tabs on her."

Cheshire Police – who have faced criticism over their handling of the case – refused to provide usual details after the doctor's death, and a listing appeared to have been removed from the coroner's website.

He had been ill before his death and his funeral has been held.

At Letby's trial, he was referred to as Doctor A. She wept when he entered the dock to give evidence against her, doing so from behind a screen to protect his anonymity.

She later admitted he had made a "social" visit to her home. They met for meals and coffees and went for walks. Letby wrote his name repeatedly next to love hearts.

She wrote: "My best friend . . . LOVE . . . I loved you and I think you knew that . . . I wanted you to stand by me but you didn't."

Letby lost two bids to challenge her convictions. But the Criminal Cases Review Commission is considering evidence presented by a panel of doctors claiming natural causes and poor care were to blame.

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EXCLUSIVE: ROBBIE

By JACK HARDWICK
Senior Showbiz Reporter

ROBBIE Williams has revealed he has been diagnosed with autism at the age of 52 — and pals say he is taking it in his trademark stride.

The music legend recently sought a professional assessment after "feeling like there was something he was missing" about himself.

Robbie, who was also previously diagnosed with ADHD, casually revealed the news during a launch for the autumn/winter collection of his Hopeium clothing brand.

He said: "I've got ADHD. I've just found out I've got a bit of autism as well, which I f***ing love, because it explains so much, and it's like a get-out-of-jail card now.

"If I do all the weird s*** that I do, I go, 'Sorry, I'm autistic.'"

The married father of four went on: "With ADHD, you can completely and utterly concentrate on something 100 per cent.

"But absolutely everything else, you just cannot do it. Ask my kids."

The former Take That star, who also suffers from clinical depression, opened up about his creativity.

He said: "I'm completely and utterly obsessed with creating images and funny things, and if I'm creating images and making what I think are funny things, I'm not thinking about 'me'.

"My brain is incredibly creative, and it can be creative about everything in the world, including things that can cause you to panic or be scared."

Robbie also revealed that he struggles to concentrate with background noise or distractions as he becomes overstimulated, saying: "It really throws me off."

Since being diagnosed just a few weeks ago, The Sun can reveal the singer has met with an AuDHD expert – someone who specialises in both autism and ADHD.

Robbie hopes the meetings will give him a greater understanding of his behaviour.

A source told The Sun: "Robbie has known for some time about his ADHD, but he always felt there was something he was missing.

"Someone suggested he could be autistic, and so within the past few weeks, he sought private medical advice and underwent an assessment. It's still early days, but Robbie has spoken with an AuDHD expert to get a greater understanding of what the diagnosis means for him and what options can be put in place to make life easier.

"Like with everything life throws at him, Robbie is taking the diagnosis in his stride.

"It's business as usual.

"The diagnosis just gives a greater understanding of what makes Robbie Robbie."

The Sun was the only newspaper Robbie met during the intimate launch in front of fashion bigwigs at Flannels on Oxford Street in central London.

He told us he hopes his Hopeium brand will bring some fun into the notoriously uptight and judgmental fashion industry.

His new tongue-in-cheek range includes "Gandhi" football tops and shirts adorned with images of a hand flipping the middle finger. Chuckling, he said he is already planning to bring out a Dalai Lama version.

Robbie had a well-documented battle with alcohol and substance abuse in the Nineties and early Noughties.

But he claimed he is now addicted to creating art and clothes after being clean and sober for over two decades.

Robbie said: "I really got into drawing and creating. I think it's my addict's gene. Look, I can no longer do cocaine. No longer do MDMA, no longer drink, so, you know, where does the addiction go to?

"Well, it goes to several places, and one of them is clothes."

Robbie went on: "It's a bit of silliness because I love silliness, and there doesn't seem to be any silliness in fashion.

"It seems to be outlawed because, you know, as much as I love fashion, it's properly pretentious and very, very serious, isn't it?"

Robbie plans to draft in his wife Ayda Field, 47, to model the collection in a bid to boost sales. Robbie, who has recently dramatically trimmed down after turning to weight-loss jabs, also hopes to make his catwalk debut at London Fashion Week.

He said: "Hopefully we will see me modelling it on the runway.

"I mean, I'm in decent nick now, so yeah. I've been looking after myself. I'd be happy if any artist started wearing the brand, and Ayda will wear it too."

He added of his new clobber: "I should be wearing it on my tour – it would make marketing sense."

The singer is set to play shows across Europe and South America this autumn. He is also hotly tipped to play Glastonbury next June for

Support . . . Robbie with wife Ayda

ON MODELLING

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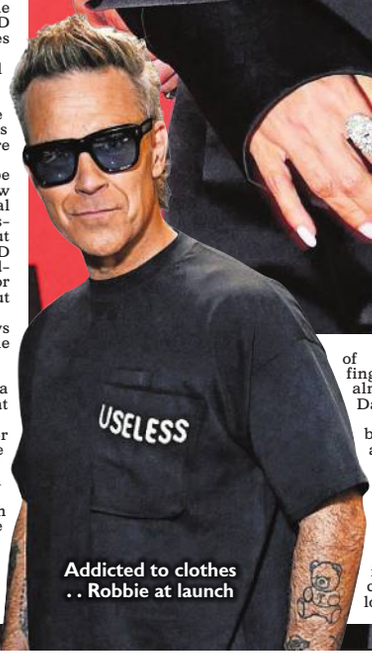

Addicted to clothes . . Robbie at launch

WILLIAMS INTERVIEW

Gone viral . . . Robbie's World Cup nasal moment. Inset, he clears up mystery

Casual . . Robbie in tracksuit at World Cup final with Nicole and Laura

ON COKE STORM

I didn't relapse on cocaine at World Cup..it didn't fall out of my nose..it was Nicorette

ON AUTISM

It's like a get-out-of-jail card. If I do all the weird s**t I do, I go, 'Sorry, I'm autistic'

I found out I have autism and ADHD ...it explains a lot

the first time since 1998, with sources saying he could follow in Sir Rod Stewart's footsteps and play the Sunday Legends slot.

Last month, a clip of Robbie went viral after something appeared to fall out of his nose during an unplanned live appearance on German TV at the World Cup in New York.

Some viewers thought Robbie was back taking cocaine.

Rather than fearing for his career, Robbie laughed off the suggestion he had relapsed, and believes no one cares anyway. He said: "Can I clear something up, please, as well? I didn't relapse on cocaine at the World Cup, but now forever and ever and ever the internet will be assured of itself that coke fell out of my nose.

"No, it was Nicorette. The thing is, I thought about it the next day – I was lying in bed, and 50 million people had seen me supposedly relapse on coke at the World Cup, and I was like, 'If I was on coke, it wouldn't be a f***ing problem anyway, would it? Who f***ing cares?'"

And he said some people seemed to be pleased at the prospect of him doing class A drugs again.

He went on: "So many comments online were like, 'Good for you, Robbie. Everyone loves the f***ing packet.' So I made some new fans due to what they thought I was doing."

Before Spain took on Argentina in the World Cup final last month, Robbie was front and centre in the closing ceremony, taking to the pitch to sing the official Fifa anthem Desire alongside Nicole Scherzinger and Italian singer Laura Pausini.

In keeping with still feeling like he's just Rob from Stoke rather than one of the biggest-selling British singers of all-time, he swaggered towards the halfway line in a blue Adidas tracksuit – adorned with diamante for the momentous occasion.

Robbie said: "The sparkles were added at the artist's request, and it felt so comfy.

"It's best to be comfy, so when they said, 'What do you want to wear?' I just said, 'I want to wear a tracksuit. Can you put some jewels on it so it's a bit showbizzy?'"

Insisting he is still just as ambitious as he was three decades ago, Robbie said of his future plans: "Lots of records.

"I'm 52, still ambitious, still have this gaping chasm that is unfillable. Still want, still need, still want to have purpose, I want to be out there doing things. I am still as ambitious as I was when I was 22 and it's served me well. I have new music, new tours too."

Robbie, who has been in the public eye since 1992, also said he would be ignoring snobbish critics, saying: "I don't need validation from the po-faced fashion industry. I never got that from the po-faced music industry.

"I would like validation from the general clothing-buying public."

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THE Sun SAYS

PM's deaf ears

MORE than one million people have now signed the petition demanding the remorseless killers of PC Andrew Harper stay locked up.

Andy Burnham cannot afford to ignore such a massive swell of public outrage.

The still new Prime Minister says he is "increasingly confident" he can find a fix to stop them being freed under Labour's catastrophic early release scheme.

That isn't good enough.

For as long as thugs Jessie Cole and Albert Bowers have hope of getting out, PC Harper's family will still suffer.

This has become a huge first test of Burnham's leadership and he is fluffing it. So far, he has presided over a shambles that has sown anguish and confusion.

There are only a few short weeks for the PM and his officials to get their act together and free up jail places before the mass release of hardened criminals.

Prison experts are already warning of a wave of rape and murder to come.

If Burnham continues to get this wrong, he will pay a heavy political price.

Bungle? You bet

DOES anyone in Labour understand the real reasons behind the decline of our High Streets?

Andy Burnham went on a tour of the country this week promising to listen to voters' concerns.

Bizarrely, he then decided betting shops were the root of all evil and has set about cutting the already dwindling number of them.

Even in his own constituency there is widespread bafflement at his attack on bookies and the bizarre comparison with vape shops.

As one punter in Ashton in Makerfield said of the Government yesterday: "They don't know what they are doing. No one forces anyone to have a bet."

Burnham claims to be a champion of sport and the working classes.

But if he is capable of misjudging the mood in his own back yard, what chance have the rest of us got?

Zero sense

THE Green lobby has been out in force claiming the heatwave-fuelled wildfires in Stourbridge and the East Sussex train derailment prove we must spend £400billion on Net Zero.

Few argue with the need for Britain to adapt to changes in the climate.

But it's insane to chuck so much taxpayers' cash at renewable schemes that don't work.

Solar panels often don't operate in extreme heat and wind farms don't work when it doesn't blow. Electricity from both cannot be stored.

Until these systems become more reliable, we will need the oil and gas currently sitting untouched under the North Sea.

That's not climate change denial. It's basic common sense.

Harry Cole

EDITOR-AT-LARGE — REPORTS FROM THE USA

IT'S Passport to Piddington! The leafy Oxfordshire hamlet of just 370 has voted to leave the United Kingdom over Andy Burnham's punish-the-posh strategy of tipping 1,250 boat migrants in their backyard.

As council leader Tim McNally explained to The Sun: "We are going down to the US Embassy and will bring our declaration to them. Donald Trump loves old, quaint English villages, but he's not so keen on migrants," chimed in his colleague Joe Marshall.

Given that their referendum faces some fairly steep legal issues, I fear the patriots of Piddington may have to up their game. In 1822, the fine folk of Hastings, East Sussex, in a tax dispute with the Crown, declared an 8.5-acre patch of the town the 24th state of the newly created United States of America.

They raised the Stars and Stripes and held out for a whopping 12 years before the government sent in the heavies.

If Don wants to avoid a rocket from **voters**, he must act on their fears

DONALD TRUMP is having a terrible summer.

The President's "six-week" war in the Middle East is now entering its sixth month and the Iranians are playing the once-famed dealmaker like a cat with a big ball of orange yarn.

Talks have ground to a halt, just as they did with Vladimir Putin over Ukraine.

The mad mullahs are openly mocking the President one day and trying to whack him the next.

No nuclear deal has emerged, and the Strait of Hormuz remains a daily tinder box with knock-on costs reverberating far beyond the region.

Western missile stocks are depleted to a dangerous degree, and while petrol prices have stabilised a bit, US debt was sold off at a 25-year high on Thursday.

And voters are feeling the pain, with mortgage interest rates hitting 6.69 per cent this week, the highest since Joe Biden was in office.

Screech and mock

Promises of a "springtime boom for the US economy" have drained away quicker than Trump's botched attempt to "beautify" DC's famous reflecting pool by hiring some pool guys he knew.

I won't be the first, or last, to see the obvious metaphor in the leader of the free world having to dodge a potential rocket attack by hiding in a catering truck as he was squirrelled off Air Force One. But it sums up how the President got himself into this mess.

Relying on Israeli intelligence of a perceived threat, trapped, literally, in a situation of his own making, while a hostile media screech and mock.

And just when he probably needed her the most, Karoline Leavitt — the pint-sized pugilist who has become the second most famous blonde in the White House with her combative outings at the press podium — threw in the towel.

Pals insist it had nothing to do with the fact the mum-of-two was left on the Air Force One in Turkey, when the President was removed by the Secret Service, leaving the rest as potential sitting ducks.

But the timing of her announcement — in the same week as the Ankara airport farce rocked Washington — has certainly been the source of much chitchat over here. Leavitt was at the President's side for arguably the most glittering portion of his now decade-long foray into politics.

Pushing the lawfare narrative outside yet another courtroom as Trump's enemies on the Left tried to jail him rather than fight him at the ballot box proved to be political catnip.

And she sacked off her first maternity leave in the aftermath of Trump dodging death in July 2024. Even diehard Trump-haters have given up trying to argue she is anything but a commanding presence in the briefing room, and an ace in his pack.

But now he's staring down a make-or-break electoral test without one of his best players.

With the countdown to November's midterms now weeks rather than months, by now White House strategists wanted to be talking up domestic wins, not bogged down in what is looking like the latest "forever war".

And it could get much, much worse in the coming weeks.

The usually suave Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent looks like he hasn't slept for days, after he raided billions from America's foreign currency reserves to help prop up the flailing Japanese yen.

A casualty of the global instability that Trump's war in Iran is reaping on the world, the Japanese have the US by the short and curlies again.

Holding more than a trillion dollars of US debt, threats to start a fire sale of bonds unless the US Treasury helped Tokyo stabilise their currency by buying lots of it saw Bessent forced into action.

It's not immediately clear it will work for very long, however, with a massive risk of huge interest-rate rises in an election year if it does not.

The irony is, if it were not for Iran, Trump might be looking at some good ground to fight the midterms due to the US Left taking a look at what Jeremy Corbyn did to Labour in Britain, and saying, "We will have some of that."

Rocky few months

Hard-left candidates have been selected in key Senate races, only for it to emerge they fathered children with their second cousin, like the odd chap in Maine, or the candidate who believes God is trans and barbecue is dangerous — in Texas, of all places.

Or take Abdul El-Sayed in Michigan, who says American football is "toxic", wants to ban fireworks on the 4th of July and cancel Thanksgiving.

But some of Trump's supporters seem more interested in tearing strips off each other, perhaps with some sympathy for the increasingly prominent Democratic Socialists of America due to a shared passion for hating Israel.

While Trump's been quick to scream about communism and socialism, it is far from clear voters will heed his warnings.

It appears JD Vance, the Vice President seeking to get his own rocky few months back on track and who has long warned the administration should focus on the "home front", does not believe so yet.

He told Fox News: "My warning to my fellow Republicans is you don't stop socialism by throwing slogans at people about the free market. You stop socialism by making people's lives better."

Ouch. Especially with just 12 weeks to polling day.

HARRY COLE SAVES THE WEST
Watch his show on YouTube

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KYL'S PINK & PERFECT

CURVY Kylie Jenner is hip to it as she promotes her new activewear range.

The US beauty mogul, 29, showed off her toned physique in a pink sports bra and matching leggings.

They are part of her Alo Yoga Pink Marshmallow collection — one more to add to the billionaire businesswoman's portfolio.

By FREYA FRASER

Yet the mother-of-two is increasingly seeking privacy with actor boyfriend Timothée Chalamet, 30.

Reality star Kylie said: "Some of the most meaningful parts of my life happen when no one's watching."

Well, we're watching now.

Kyle & Annie reveal baby girl's name...

ROYAL WISH WALKER

Made a Wish . . . Annie & tot. Kyle, right

KYLE Walker and wife Annie Kilner have named their baby girl Royal Wish Walker, The Sun can reveal.

The ex-England, Manchester City and Spurs star told pals the tot will be known as Wish.

But the couple wanted to continue their R-theme after calling four sons Roman, Riaan, Reign and Rezon.

A friend close to the family said: "Wish is the perfect name – they couldn't have wished for anything quite so perfect. It feels like the family is complete.

"Mum, dad and the four boys are totally head over heels in love."

Annie, 33, gave fans a glimpse of her fifth child with Sun columnist Kyle on Instagram, sharing a black and white snap of the little girl over her shoulder in a mirror selfie.

Wish wore a cute dress with a bow on the back and matching socks. Annie also showed off her post-baby body in a zebra print full-length maxi-dress.

She wrote: "Worth the wait," along with a pink heart emoji and a shining stars emoji.

She and Burnley defender Kyle, 36, welcomed Wish in June. A source exclusively told The Sun at the time: "Kyle didn't leave Annie's side, they are just on cloud nine, ready to begin this new chapter."

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN MOYES

When Annie confirmed she was pregnant with their fifth child earlier this year. a source said: "Kyle and Annie are in such a good place and this baby has brought them even closer together."

Kyle, who announced his retirement from international football in March, was on the brink of divorce in December 2024 when Annie kicked him out of the family's £3.5million Cheshire home.

The rift came after influencer Lauryn Goodman revealed Kyle had fathered a second child with her.

Kyle told The Sun at the time: "I've caused a lot of pain to a lot of people. I take full responsibility.

"I made idiot choices and idiot decisions."

Celebs Go Dating's Lauryn, 35, is currently living in a £2.4million house owned by Kyle in East Sussex.

A spokeswoman for Kyle and Annie was contacted for comment.

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Dancing Queen, young and sweet, only...50!
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In court . . . Mangione

Stalker: I'm guilty of health boss kill

By SCARLET HOWES
US Editor, in New York

AN assassin with long-term back pain yesterday told a court he shot and killed a health insurance company boss.

Luigi Mangione was going on trial over two charges of stalking Brian Thompson outside a New York hotel in 2024.

Pleading guilty and reading a statement, the 28-year-old said: "I shot Mr Thompson in Manhattan. I knew what I was doing was illegal."

Software engineer Mangione said it came after "years of enduring severe pains from a broken back," and obstacles dealing with the healthcare insurance industry.

Mangione, of Maryland, told the federal court in Manhattan he used a gun made with a 3D printer.

He is due to stand trial next month in state court on a charge of murdering Mr Thompson, 50, CEO of UnitedHealthcare.

Tragic death . . . Finlay

Brit cycle ace dies after car hit in race

By BETHAN MOSS

A YOUNG British cyclist has died after he was hit by a car while racing in Portugal's biggest bike competition.

A motorist – reportedly driving the wrong way – struck Finlay Tarling, 19, as the peloton passed through Ponte de Lima in the Volta a Portugal.

Finlay, from Ceredigion, Mid Wales, died of his injuries yesterday.

The racing tour has been postponed as a mark of respect, and the planned podium ceremony has been called off.

Finlay's cycling team, NSN, said: "Fin was a much-loved member of our team, but most importantly he was a son, a brother, and a friend to so many."

Portuguese PM Luis Montenegro expressed his "heartfelt condolences" to Finlay's family.

Finlay had won silver medals in team pursuit in track championships over the past few years.

GEN Z'S KILLED OFF MOVIE SEX

Film has Telly has

By
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IF you are looking for steamy thrills on the big screen, forget it — TV is now your best bet for a turn-on.

Epic battles, superhero capers and cute romcoms fill the cinema without so much as a bedroom fumble these days.

Raunchy flicks have become as extinct as the dinosaur, with many movies showing more prehistoric beasts than a simple snog.

In fact, since 2000, the number of sex scenes has flopped by a whopping 40 per cent.

Back then, less a fifth of all films had no sex or nudity.

Now, half have not a flicker of flesh or funny business.

It seems that, when it comes to Hollywood, sex no longer sells.

Thankfully, the same cannot be said for TV, where viewers can often see top A-list actors getting it on episode after episode.

Shows such as Euphoria, Jilly Cooper's Rivals, Bridgerton and Sex Education have scratched many an itch behind closed doors.

The latest series of Euphoria features character Cassie, played by siren Sydney Sweeney, filming OnlyFans content with a dummy in her mouth and legs seductively spread.

Meanwhile, Bridgerton lovers Benedict (Luke Thompson) and Sophie (Yerin Ha) romped in a stairwell.

Once upon a time, to see celebs naked, you bought a cinema ticket. Now there is Netflix and other bold streaming services.

The rise of online porn has also helped kill the buzz of explicit films, as OnlyFans means racy action is only a few clicks away.

Something that cannot be said for your local cinema, which is currently a lust-free zone.

Down and dirty

Even Christopher Nolan's The Odyssey provides hardly any X-rated action, in spite of the Homer poem on which it is based being packed full of the kink that the Greeks did so well.

In the ancient literary epic, Odysseus, who is played by Matt Damon in the movie, is kept on an island for seven years by Calypso – portrayed on screen by Charlize Theron – and the pair sleep together.

Yet in the film, she takes on a therapist role and all clothes stay on.

Nolan has also ripped out the poem's naked bathing scenes and endless acts of desire.

His Hollywood-friendly version concentrates on mythical creatures and giant battles rather than sexual urges.

Even historian Mary Beard is perturbed by the lack of passion in The Odyssey as it is not true to the poem.

She wrote: "While Nolan's Circe (Samantha Morton, on great form) is a tremendous force of nature, the film has managed to obscure the sex in her relationship with Odysseus."

The Invite, directed by and starring Olivia Wilde, sounds like it might have more chance of getting down and dirty as it is about swinging.

But apart from some flashes of a fully dressed Penelope Cruz's ample cleavage, and a few seconds of Olivia in a bra, sex remains something that is discussed but not seen.

You only have to look at the current UK box office to see it is as sexy as a hosepipe ban.

It includes Spider-Man: Brand New Day, Paw Patrol and Toy Story 5.

And the release of Tony yesterday still hasn't brought any bang.

Even though it is a coming-of-age film about the wild antics of a young Anthony Bourdain, there is absolutely no sign of anyone having sex.

Film data scientist Stephen Follows has studied the reasons for this considerable droop in bedroom antics.

He said: "There are far fewer romance films being made than there have been in the past.

"So the genre that keeps sex on screen alive is getting fewer and fewer outings. And the genres that don't need sex now dominate the release calendar."

'There are far fewer romance films being made. So the genre that keeps sex on screen alive gets fewer and fewer outings. And the genres that don't need sex dominate releases'

Stephen studied parental guides, censorship bodies and certification notes over decades of cinema and found that scenes including violence, drugs and swearing remain the same.

Sex is the only subject that has sharply declined in cinemas.

So what on earth do film-makers have against the natural act of sexual congress?

Well, it seems we can, once again, blame Gen Z for ruining all our fun. A survey by UCLA, which featured in The Hollywood Reporter, asked the under-30s what they like to watch, with 51 per cent saying they wanted to see more friendship and platonic relationships and 47 per cent claiming that sex "isn't needed" in the majority of movies.

And while younger people are getting more prudish, sex-free films have multiplied.

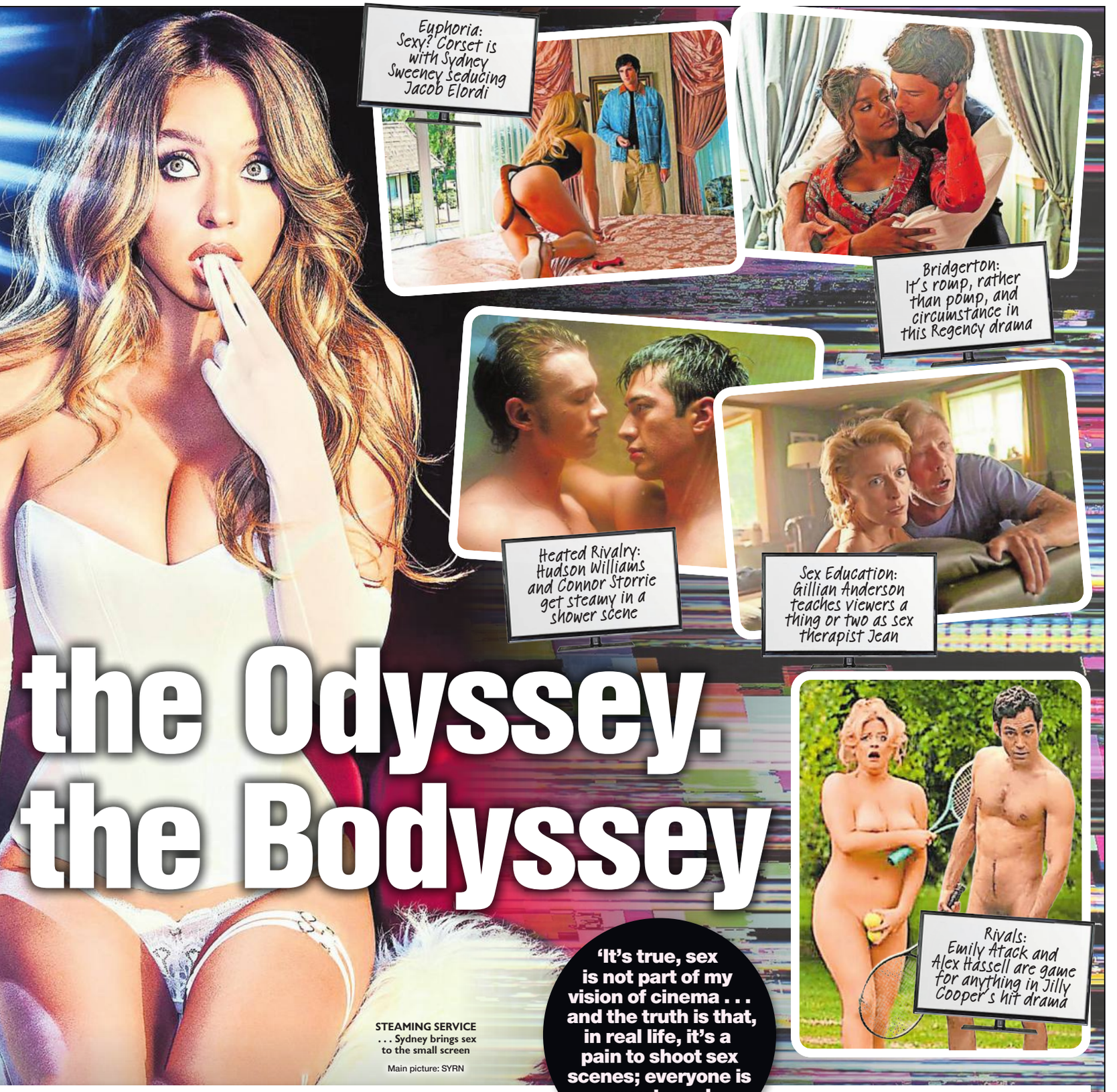
Stephen's data found the biggest decline in frisky footage has been in action films and thrillers, with sexual content dropping by 60 per cent over two decades. Even top directors are pushing back on filming a bonk as technicalities can be tricky.

Following #MeToo, it takes on-set intimacy coaches and contractual agreements before a sex scene is even considered.

Filmmakers are more conscious of how sexual content is perceived now and whether it is necessary at all.

Pulp Fiction and Kill Bill director Quentin Tarantino said: "It's true, sex is not part of my vision of cinema . . . And the truth is that, in real

BUT AT LEAST TV'S STILL GOT SYD & CO



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STEAMING SERVICE
. . . Sydney brings sex to the small screen

Main picture: SYRN

'It's true, sex is not part of my vision of cinema . . . and the truth is that, in real life, it's a pain to shoot sex scenes; everyone is very tense'
– QUENTIN TARANTINO

life, it's a pain to shoot sex scenes; everyone is very tense."

He added that if a script genuinely demanded it, he would include racy material, but "so far it hasn't been necessary".

Hulk getting horny

Luca Guadagnino, director of 2024's hit film Challengers, starring Zendaya, is also no fan of the on-screen romp, saying: "To shoot sex on screen, in my opinion, it's so unexotic and it's so normal.

"The illusion that there is an actual deep physicality between the characters on screen, it's an illusion. Truthfully, it's so technical."

But let's be real. Hollywood is mostly driven by one thing – money.

Blockbusters cost millions to make, so must have broad appeal.

A film featuring sex scenes has immediately narrowed its audience, and any nudity raises the certificate, cutting out younger viewers and families.

The golden ticket for cinema certificates is 12A, as it appeals to older generations who think it might have a bit of edge compared to a PG, but will not be problematic to watch with the kids. This can mean that even if sex is in the script, scenes of passion are cut entirely to appeal to the board of film classifications to give the film a lucrative 12A certificate.

Then there is the global picture. Movie studios now rely heavily on audiences overseas, with China and much of the Middle East having become a huge market.

There, they have much stricter rules about any sexual content.

And, of course, the superhero has a lot to answer for. Those licence-to-print-money movies are filled with characters who have never felt a twinge under their Lycra and capes.

Marvel Studios, owned by Disney, and DC Studios, owned by Warner Bros, are responsible for some of the biggest box office hits of the past decade, such as Avengers, Spider-Man, the first Aquaman flick and Batman – all without a sex scene between them. Marvel did allow a sexual encounter to play out in 2021's Eternals.

But it ended up being a box-office flop.

And superheroes haven't had any of that sort of action since.

These films not only have to appeal to millions worldwide; they also need to sell dolls, lunchboxes and duvet covers.

And showing The Hulk getting all horny won't do that.

Whatever the reason for the current abstention, let's hope the big-screen bonk isn't banished for good.

● **See stephenfollows.com.**

ASYLUM CAMPS 'ON SLY'

Planning bypassed

PM ANDY Burnham has been blasted for "bypassing" local communities' opinions to open migrant camps.

Planning permission for two controversial sites at disused Army bases are to be signed off by Housing Secretary Angela Rayner instead of local planning committees.

The fast-tracked process can be used for projects deemed to be of national importance – but multiple MPs have branded the move undemocratic.

There is no requirement for a formal public consultation, but applications must still "engage with the community".

It comes after the PM said middle-class areas needed to "play their part" and take in more asylum seekers, even if that is more costly.

Nick Timothy, the Tory MP for West Suffolk, near the RAF Barnham site, said the process was being used to "cut out local people".

And Calum Miller, Lib Dem MP for Bicester and Woodstock, the location of another camp, called it an "affront to democracy".

A government spokesperson said it was "ensuring members of the public will be able to submit their views" and pointed to their commitment to ending the use of asylum hotels.

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By JULIA ATHERLEY

Plan . . Rayner

BUSES HEAT STRIKE

Picture: CHRIS EADES

BUS drivers went on strike yesterday as they warned that extreme heat in their cabs could lead to fatal crashes.

About 1,500 Arriva North London drivers with union Unite started two days of action, one of 11 planned by mid-October.

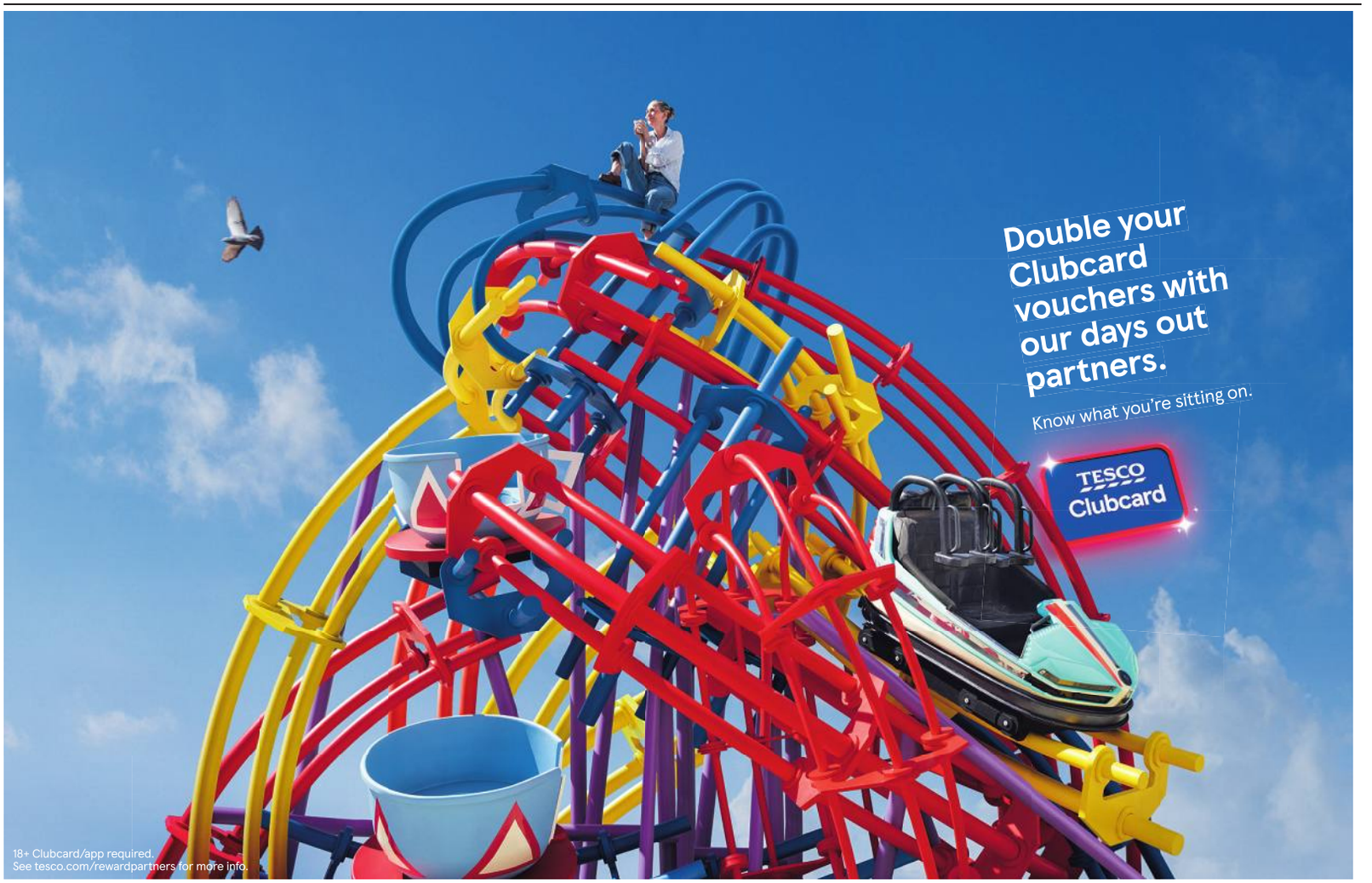
They want more air-con in buses. Driver Peter Skinner, 56, said: "I know a lady at another garage who passed out as she stepped out of a cab. She was pregnant. How long before that happens at the wheel? Think of the carnage of a 14-ton bus with 80 people in it."

Peter Crane, 62, showed a photo of his cab temperature reading 44C (111F). He said: "It's like being in a greenhouse, you're drowsy and uncomfortable."

Unite said driving conditions this summer have been some of the worst ever, despite union warnings 18 months ago.

Arriva London said: "We are continuing to upgrade air-con and new buses."

By ALEX WEST



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Rob a shop and you might get away with it. Drive over 20mph and you're done for

EVERY summer, to escape the savage desert heat, a group of extremely wealthy young men from the Middle East load themselves and their snazzy supercars into a series of planes and head over to London.

It's quite a spectacle, watching them all prowl around the capital's streets, and many people enjoy it. Small boys jump up and down and snatch at their tinkles.

Instagram influencers queue up for selfies. And car enthusiasts swoon at this extraordinary parade of art, noise and power.

Unfortunately, those of a Liberal Democrat persuasion don't like the spectacle one little bit. They hate rich people and they hate cars.

So a handful of these Birkenstock, vegan people complained to the police who, these days, are trained to hate rich people and cars as well.

The response was enormous. A staggering 120 officers were mobilised.

Nigel Farage didn't even get a handful after someone pushed an incendiary device through his letterbox.

But to deal with some nice cars, they mobilised such a vast army of tooled-up law enforcement officers that within a matter of hours, they had confiscated a raft of Ferraris and Lamborghinis worth a whopping £8million. Fines, court appearances and maybe a bit of prison time will no doubt be forthcoming.

This week, a spokesman for the force said they were sick of foreigners treating the capital like a race track. I find this interesting because the wealthy foreigners who bring these cars to London every August are basically attaching a leaf blower to the gates of the capital and showering us with cash.

SEIZED . . . Lamborghini Revuelto taken away

They spend a fortune in hotels and restaurants and (whisper this) bars.

And what we have made very clear with that enormous police response is: Go away.

Now let's compare and contrast this to the sort of people who come to London from other hot bits of the world.

And spend no money at all.

Call the police and tell them one of them has stolen your mobile phone as you walked down the street, and in all probability, they'll call you a racist.

They certainly won't mobilise a squadron of 120 officers to find the perp.

And if you have a shop that's just been targeted by a gang of balaclava people with pick axe handles, it'll be the same story.

And it's not just the police either. The deputy leader of Westminster Council, Caroline Sargent, said: "People who think it's acceptable to drive illegally in Westminster are not welcome here."

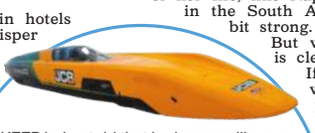
Really? So anyone who breaks the 20mph speed limit has to sell up and leave? On that basis, Lynda La Plante, who lost her licence recently for doing 24mph, must pack up and spend the rest of her life, like Napoleon did, on a rock in the South Atlantic. That seems a bit strong.

But whatever, the message is clear.

If you come to London with a lot of money, you have to turn straight round and go home.

If you come with nothing, you can do whatever you like, and the police simply won't be interested.

Unless you drive the car we give you at 24mph. Then you'll be in all sorts of trouble.



I KEEP being told that hydrogen will never be the fuel of the future. It's too expensive to make, too difficult to transport and too impractical.

But this week, I watched that JCB car, *above*, spearing across the salt flats in America at 406mph, and I thought: "Yes. Hydrogen is difficult. But there's a vehicle, powered by normal, internal combustion, and all that's coming out of the exhaust is water." As JF Kennedy once said: "We choose to go to the moon and do the other things not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

Rod bores are green like his lawns . . . with envy

AN aerial photograph of the lush green lawns outside Rod Stewart's sprawling mansion in Essex prompted the nation's bitter people to ask: "How did you manage that, mate, when there's a hosepipe ban in force?"

Well, let's think.

Could it be, perhaps, that Rod, *here with wife Penny*, probably has a borehole? It's not a difficult concept to get your head round. You dig a hole maybe 100 metres down into the ground, put a pump in it and water comes out. Water that's not subjected to any kind of government interference.

That's what we did at my pub, which is why the lawns there are also weirdly verdant.

GRILL BAN . . . Burnham

AXING BBQ IS DAFT

THERE are many things that cause wild fires during a heatwave.

Faulty farm machinery, discarded cigarette ends, bored kids who think it might be a laugh to get a blaze going, and even a bit of broken glass.

But our glorious leader, T-Shirt Burnham, has decided the real problem is the disposable barbecue.

Of course he has.

And now he has banned them.

Of course he has.

That's standard practice for the Labourites. People are out in the sunshine, cooking up a couple of sausages and having fun.

We can't have that. Let's ban it.

WATCH ZACK LEG IT

SOMEBODY on social media has compiled a list of the best "running" scenes we've ever witnessed.

Naturally, Tom Cruise's on-foot chases from the Mission Impossible franchise are on there, as is Tom Hanks' Trans-America slog from Forrest Gump.

Other notables are Daniel Day-Lewis, whizzing through the woods in Last Of The Mohicans, and the T-1000 chasing a car in Terminator 2.

Interestingly, however, the guy who compiled this list has not included the greatest running scene I've ever witnessed: Zack Polanski arriving excitedly at a Green Party event last year. There's a GIF online. Check it out.

You won't regret it.

MUST-SEE . . . Polankski

WARNING . . . movie 2012

IT'S NOT END OF WORLD

WE were all warned by the scientific masterpiece that is the movie 2012 that, when climate change arrives, it will be sudden and catastrophic.

And so, according to the hysterical doom mongers at BBC News, it's turning out to be.

Last summer was hot, and this one's even hotter and so that's that. It's time to move immediately to a cave and beat yourself to sleep every night with twigs.

But hang on a minute. We know, because Aristotle told us thousands of years ago, that one swallow does not make a summer.

So surely it stands to reason that two summers do not constitute an extinction-level event.

Let's just wait and see what happens next year. My bet is that things return to normal.

PIECE TIME

PEOPLE of my age watch kids spending hour after hour doomscrolling on TikTok and we roll our eyes in despair.

Yes, but we've just started selling thousand-piece jigsaws, which feature a scene of Diddly Squat, *below*. And last weekend I thought I'd have a crack at doing one. And the next thing I knew, it was Thursday.

Mealtimes came and went. The inner wine gong sounded, and I never even heard it. The dogs whimpered when they needed feeding and I didn't hear them. I was consumed by the relentless need to find the next piece and then the next one, which has a bit of blue on it and a bit of a wellington.

And when I finished it, I broke it up into its component parts and put it back in the box.

At least when you doomscroll, there's a vague chance you might learn something.

With an olde-world, boomer-time jigsaw, there isn't.

Bird strike plane hell

A PASSENGER was partially sucked out of a plane window at 16,000ft because broken engine parts flew off and shattered it, a report reveals.

The cause was probably a bird strike as feathers were found, US transport safety experts said.

The wife of Serbian Ljubisa Karovic, 63, pulled him back into the Boeing 737 run by Ryanair subsidiary Malta Air. It flew from Greece to Germany last month.

TWINVERCLYDE

Nine sets of twins will start at six schools between them when term begins next week in Inverclyde, Scotland.

PC HARPER: 1M SAY KEEP KILLERS IN JAIL

Remembered . . . PC Harper

MORE than a million people have signed a petition demanding PC Andrew Harper's killers stay in jail.

Albert Bowers and Jessie Cole are set for early release under new Government plans.

Today marks seven years since

By JULIA ATHERLEY

they dragged PC Harper, 28, to his death after a quad bike theft in Sulhamstead, Berkshire.

The fact they could now be freed in January, halfway through their 13-year terms, sparked widespread fury. New PM Andy Burnham has come under pressure to use "every lawful option" to prevent their early release, and has said he is "increasingly confident" they will stay inside.

PC Harper's mum, Debbie Adlam, has called the ongoing confusion "gut-wrenching".

Thames Valley Police Federation chairwoman Aileen O'Connor, who started the online petition to keep the pair behind bars, said there was now a "glimmer of hope".

The police body added yesterday: "We would like to thank each and every person who has signed our petition for their support on this important issue."

Some 5,000 inmates are expected to be released early in a bid to ease prison overcrowding.

A third man jailed for PC Harper's manslaughter – Henry Long – was given a longer 16-year jail term and is ineligible.

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Upset . . . Andrew

Navy vet 'refused pension'

By BENEDICT ELLIOT

A TERMINALLY ill Falklands War vet has accused a firm of withholding his £104,000 pension – despite being given months to live.

Andrew Rossiter, 62, who served in the Royal Navy, has pancreatic cancer and is having palliative chemotherapy.

He asked EQ Retirement Solutions for his cash three years early.

The dad of two alleges the firm initially said there was no fund before saying his paperwork did not meet scheme rules.

He said HRMC told him a SR1 medical form should have been enough.

Andrew, of Gosport, Hants, said: "It's ridiculous. I haven't got long to live. They know this and they can drag this out for years. It's nasty."

EQ Retirement Solutions said it is "treating this matter as a priority" and has "apologised for any distress caused".

Refugee rape rap

A CLEANER has been arrested over claims he raped a pregnant refugee.

The Ministry of Defence contractor allegedly attacked the woman in her room at the Grange Hotel, Bracknell, Berks, on July 22.

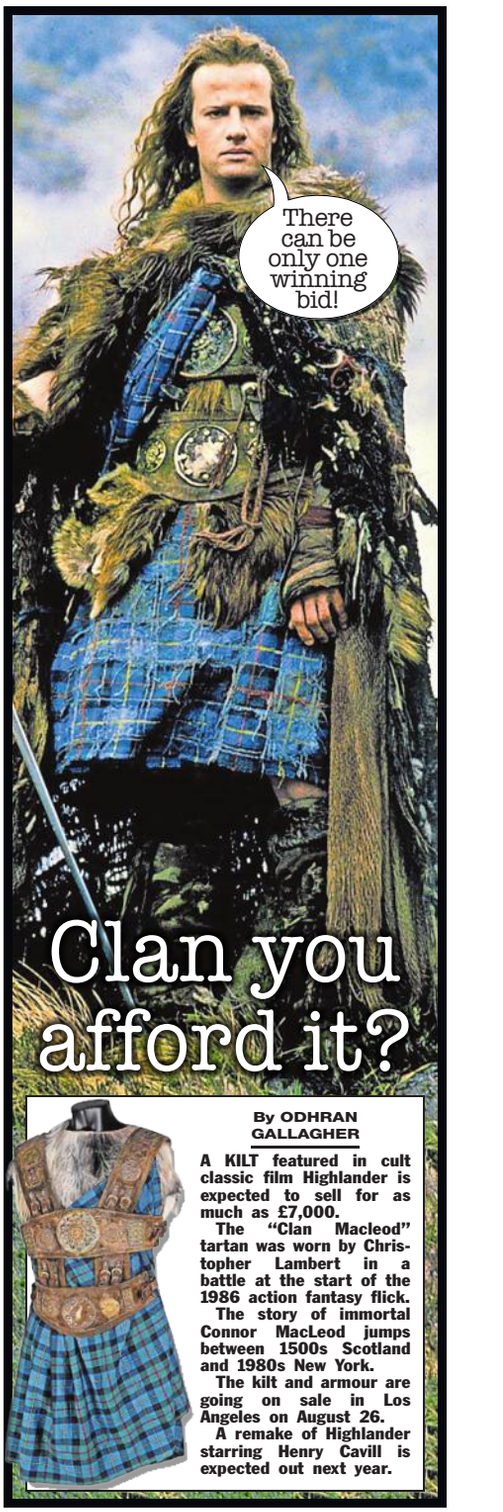
It is home to 200 Afghans who risked their lives to help UK forces in the 20-year war.

Thames Valley Police confirmed the arrest of a man of 22 on suspicion of rape. He is on bail.

A Home Office source said they were supporting the investigation.

BRIT-ASH AIRWAYS

Mount Etna's latest eruption drew crowds to Sicily – as volcanic ash caused around 700 flights to be cancelled.



Clan you afford it?

By ODHRAN GALLAGHER

A KILT featured in cult classic film Highlander is expected to sell for as much as £7,000.

The "Clan Macleod" tartan was worn by Christopher Lambert in a battle at the start of the 1986 action fantasy flick.

The story of immortal Connor MacLeod jumps between 1500s Scotland and 1980s New York.

The kilt and armour are going on sale in Los Angeles on August 26.

A remake of Highlander starring Henry Cavill is expected out next year.

Newlyweds . . . couple

4 guests watched Ronaldo get wed

By MIKE HAMILTON

FOOTIE superstar Cristiano Ronaldo married Georgina Rodriguez in front of just four witnesses and their children, it has been revealed.

The ex-Man United player, 41, tied the knot with his partner of ten years in a civil ceremony on Tuesday.

It took place at their £30million mansion near Lisbon, Portugal, with a minimal guest list.

Local media said the happy couple and their five kids were joined by Georgina's sister Ivana, Cristiano's pal Miguel Paiaxo and a Spanish jeweller and his wife.

They signed a pre-nup agreement the day before.

Cristiano wrote "C Loves G" with a picture of matching gold rings to announce the marriage on social media.

He returns to action today as his side Al-Nassr play their first game of the new Saudi Pro League season.

Delays . . . Michelle

Wife died in 80-min delay for an ambo

By ALEX WEST

A MUM of five died from a heart attack after an ambulance took 80 minutes to arrive.

Michelle Roberts, 39, called non-emergency NHS number 111 about a heartburn sensation and a feeling in her throat.

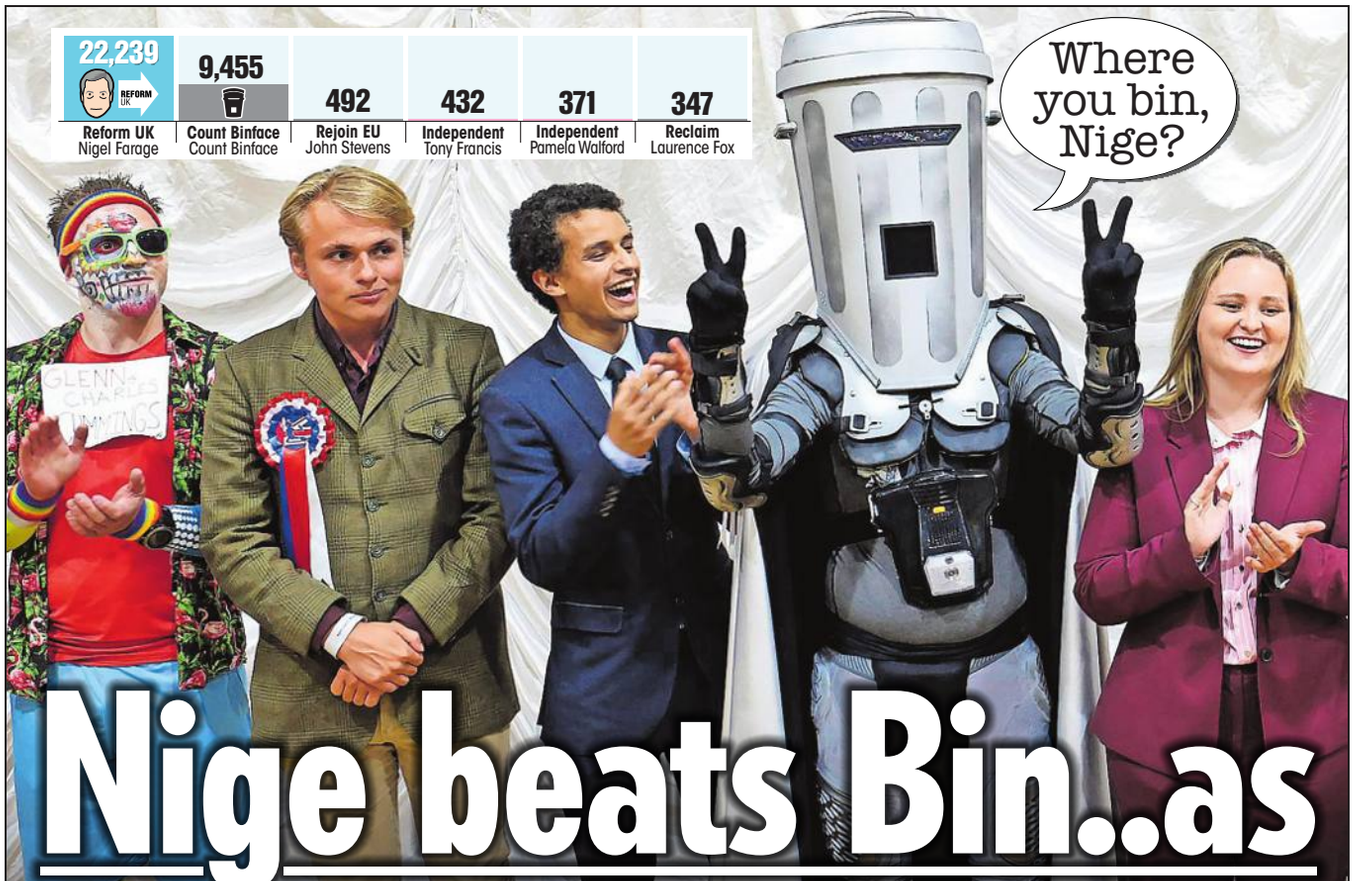
Husband Ben, 43, made dinner but then found her "slumped and not breathing" on the bed in October 2024.

While trying CPR for an hour, he said he called 999 to ask when the ambulance would arrive – but they could not give him a time.

Ben, of Bedfordshire, said: "I've lost my wife, been diagnosed with PTSD, and if they were here in 20 minutes, she could have survived."

Health chiefs said there had been handover delays between 111 and 999. East of England Ambulance Service said its response "fell below the standards expected".

BY-ELECTION SECURITY ROW



Nige beats Bin..as £5m probe begins

FARAGE SWERVES COUNT AT COUNT

Cheers . . . Farage toasts win. Top, Binface and others

NIGEL Farage's victory in the Clacton by-election has led to the probe into his £5million gift being reopened yesterday.

The Reform leader chose not to attend the official declaration, claiming that agitators threatened to disrupt it.

Mr Farage had triggered the by-election by quitting as MP then standing for the seat again so his Clacton constituents can "be my judge". It came amid a Parliamentary Standards investigation into his finances. The other main parties dismissed it as a stunt and chose not to field any candidates.

By JACK ELSOM, Political Editor

The Parliamentary Standards Commissioner will now pick up his investigation into Mr Farage's failure to declare cryptobillionaire Christopher Harborne's £5million gift. If the Reform boss is found to have seriously broken the rules, he may have to fight another by-election.

He stayed away from the results declaration early yesterday, saying: "I'm damned if I'm going to stand on a stage, having won a resounding victory, and be demeaned and humiliated by nobodies."

Reform UK also claimed that Essex Police advised Mr Farage to stay away because of "credible threats" to his safety. However, the force has disputed this. Mr Farage hoovered up 22,239 votes in his Essex constituency, with main rival Count Binface in second on 9,455.

Following yesterday's result, Mr Farage said: "The verdict is now in, and it's a convincing, overwhelming win, with more votes than we got in the General Election of 2024.

"Today, the voters in Clacton have stuck up two fingers to the entire political establishment."

Labour's chair Bridget Phillipson said: "Let's be clear: this is no victory for Nigel Farage. The mountain of sleaze and scandal he and Reform are now engulfed in has grown and grown while he's been trying to distract the public by fighting a by-election against a bin."

The by-election saw a record number of candidates, as well as lost deposits, with the third-placed candidate getting just 492 votes.

PM Andy Burnham has leapfrogged Mr Farage in the opinion polls, though the Reform boss insists the "Burnham bounce" will fade.

POLLS ARE NEXT HURDLE

By JACK ELSOM
Political Editor

HAVING won an emphatic victory in the least surprising result in by-election history, now comes the tricky bit for Nigel Farage.

Clacton was always going to be a doddle, even before the other main parties decided to boycott.

Was it all worth it? Reform's claim to have "stuck two fingers up to the establishment" plays well with the party's base, but will have little reach beyond. While critics decry a "Clacton circus", Farage has achieved his main aim: giving him an answer to the endless questions about his £5million bung. But it is far from bulletproof. There are two main challenges to overcome now. The first is an ethics probe into his failure to declare the £5million that will now resume.

The longer-term challenge is to reverse Reform's slide in the polls, having been leap-frogged by Labour.

Farage told me last week he expects the "Burnham bounce" to fizzle out. But while Burnham's star might wane, he is also benefitting from the Green vote haemorrhaging. And Kemi Badenoch is slowly reeling in Reform in the opinion polls.

Now he is done in Clacton, Farage will hope to spend the summer on home turf: immigration and the economy. Rather than trying to paint himself as the victim of an establishment stitch-up, punching bruises on these proper issues will give him the best chance of getting back on top.

Jamie feeling gown and out

HIS recipes include some of my favourite home-cooked meals, but JAMIE OLIVER appears to have gone off the boil.

The Naked Chef has sparked concern after being snapped wandering barefoot in a dressing gown, *right*.

I'm told his behaviour has raised eyebrows – with wife JOOLS posting a few snaps hinting at a mid-life crisis. And it appears Jamie has now splashed out on a celebrity life coach.

Jools shared a photo on Instagram of him looking frazzled, with the caption: "Not my usual Jamie . . . and then a new life coach?"

JACOB STOCK

NICE TAY TO WED

INVITE . . . Tay is groom's pal

TAYLOR SWIFT fans have been going into overdrive online trying to work out why the US superstar popped up in London earlier this week.

The Shake It Off singer was snapped leaving Annabel's, a swanky members-only club in Mayfair, while her husband TRAVIS KELCE is still across the pond, busily preparing for his final NFL season to kick off today.

But fear not, Swifties, moles have revealed all.

Our source confirmed that Taylor jetted to the UK to attend the wedding of her producer pal Oli Jacobs. While she is staying in the capital, I understand the nuptials will take place in the West of England and boast a seriously A-list guest list.

A source said: "Taylor adores Oli and she can't wait to celebrate his wedding in style.

"Being a new wife, she's very much in a love bubble right now and this only adds to it.

"She's flown over to the UK especially."

Oli must be over the moon – having Taylor Swift at your wedding really is a flex.

QUEENS OF POP . . . Madonna and Kylie earlier this month

GLASTO'S NO TO MADGE

GLASTONBURY Festival bosses have their 2027 line-up mapped out – but **MADONNA** won't be on the bill.

The festival's organisers have scotched rumours that the Queen of Pop will be putting on a highly-anticipated show at the event.

Madonna is yet to perform at the country's biggest music festival, but she sparked speculation that she would make her debut next year when she told talk-show host **GRAHAM NORTON** that she was planning something big in the UK soon.

I previously told how the superstar was in talks to play a record three-night run at BST Hyde Park next summer – and it looks like the London venue has won the battle for Madonna's time.

Glasto organiser **EMILY EAVIS** dashed all hopes of hosting Madonna at the Somerset festival when she spoke to BBC Radio 4's PM programme.

She said: "It's definitely not Madonna, I'll tell you that. But we have got three headliners and we're very excited about it.

"It's all coming together really well."

HINT . . . Graham

BILL . . . Emily

Dress to frill, Kylie

KYLIE MINOGUE'S wardrobe choice is laced with style as she smoulders in this sultry snap.

The Spinning Around singer seems to mean business in a slashed black and cream dress with intricate sheer panels and statement shades.

The Aussie star will no doubt be celebrating all weekend after her collaboration with MADONNA, Love Sensation, notched up her 55th UK Top 40 hit.

The track debuted at No8 in the Official Charts yesterday – Madge's highest-charting single in 17 years.

The past three years have been non-stop for Kylie, who has seen her career reach new heights – kicked off by her 2023 single Padam Padam.

Her 16th studio album Tension and follow-up record Tension II both hit the top spot, while last December she nabbed the Christmas No1 with XMAS.

Before teaming up with the Queen of Pop, this year alone Kylie has released a three-part Netflix series and dropped a song with SNOW PATROL.

Oh, and next month she will headline the pre-game entertainment at the AFL Grand Final in Australia.

I know she loves her job, but I really hope Kylie still finds time to chill out on the sofa with a cuppa and a box set once in a while.

DARENOTE

the charts

SAM FENDER and OLIVIA DEAN have hit 21 weeks at No1 with Rein Me In. In another milestone, MADONNA and KYLIE MINOGUE shot straight to No8 with Love Sensation.

Meanwhile, Rotherham rock band THE REYTONS have landed their second No1 album with A Love Letter To A Broken Town.

ALBUMS

1. A Love Letter To A Broken Town – **THE REYTONS**
2. The Essential – **MICHAEL JACKSON**
3. You Seem Pretty Sad For A Girl So In Love – **OLIVIA RODRIGO**
4. Petal – **ARIANA GRANDE**
5. Therapy At The Club – **FLO**
6. Chuck Timely & The Hourglass – **ROLE MODEL**
7. The Art Of Loving – **OLIVIA DEAN**
8. 50 Years: Don't Stop – **FLEETWOOD MAC**
9. Visitor – **SIENNA SPIRO**
10. The Highlights – **THE WEEKND**

SINGLES

1. Rein Me In – **SAM FENDER & OLIVIA DEAN**
2. Dai Dai – **SHAKIRA & BURNA BOY**
3. Choosin' Texas – **ELLA LANGLEY**
4. Movin' To The Sun – **HUGEL, IMAEL ANGEL & ULTRA NATE**
5. Stupid Song – **OLIVIA RODRIGO**
6. Hate That I Made You Love Me – **ARIANA GRANDE**
7. Great Expectation – **SIENNA SPIRO**
8. Love Sensation – **MADONNA & KYLIE MINOGUE**
9. Boston – **STELLA LEFTY**
10. On 2nite – **SILVA BUMPA**

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SUMMER OF FREE WONDER

Kids don't need expensive attractions! From spotting funny faces in tree trunks to making mud pies, 'Tightseeing' celebrates the magic of the mundane. Find out more in today's issue

Specsavers Tightseeing

GOT GOSSIP? CALL OR WHATSAPP THE BIZ BATPHONE

ELLIE HENMAN'S

dude

CARDI B proves she's a cut above as she films a music video for her latest single Ah Ha in New York. The WAP rapper wore this zip-up white and red co-ord, which looked like it had busted open, as she strutted through Brooklyn.

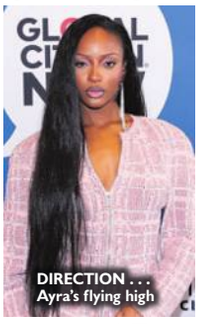
She is joined on the track by US rapper KASH DOLL, and fans are expecting big things after Cardi revealed the video cost her £800,000, with most of it going on road permits and security.

She claimed on X she needed 40 cops to keep the shoot safe, adding: "I will never again do sh*t in public settings."

I hope for her sake the track does well in the charts.

Cardi lets rip

STARRS ALIGN FOR ZAYN



DIRECTION . . . Ayra's flying high

AYRA STARR says **ZAYN MALIK** inspired her to start her music career and, years later, they have finally worked together.

The former **ONE DIRECTION** star features on the track Heaven Baby on Ayra's third studio album Starrgirl, which dropped yesterday.

Ayra has previously said performing a mash-up of 1D's Story Of My Life and **ADEKUNLE GOLD**'s Sade while she was still at school made her take singing seriously.

In an interview five years ago, Ayra, *left*, who plays All Points East in London on Friday, said: "I was a proper One Direction fan. Parents were crying [at my performance], teachers were crying . . . so, on that day, that's when I realised, 'People really like this, I should do this'."

ARIANA IS SOHO CHILLED

Relaxes at celeb Farmhouse before gig

ALL eyes are on ARIANA GRANDE as her ten-night residency kicks off at London's O2 Arena tonight.

But while the show will no doubt be an all-singing, all-dancing production, Ari's trip to the UK got off to a low-key start.

I can reveal the American superstar shunned a private jet and flew commercial from New York to London — though, unsurprisingly, she splashed out on first-class tickets.

I'm told she and boyfriend Ricky Alvarez were then whisked off to the Oxfordshire countryside, where they spent 48 hours becoming one with nature at swanky members' club, Soho Farmhouse.

My sources tell me Ricky fully embraced British country life by going clay-pigeon shooting on the complex, while Ari kept a low profile in the retreat's on-site spa.

In a crossover that is sure to get the rumour mill talking that a collaboration could be in the works, I hear **SABRINA CARPENTER** was also staying at Soho Farmhouse.

The Espresso singer is a known fan of the venue, having secretly recorded her 2025 album Man's Best Friend there last year. A source said: "Ariana and Ricky arrived in the UK at the start of the week and checked into their five-star London hotel in the capital. But they wanted to escape the madness, so immediately went to Soho Farmhouse for a couple of nights with some friends.

"Ricky went on a clay-pigeon shoot, while Ari spent a lot of time in the spa.

"By chance, Sabrina was also on-site, having flown in via helicopter last week.

"She's one of the biggest stars on the planet, but was happily mixing with other guests in the pool and spa.

"The club has strict rules about not bothering celebs, so it was a perfect place for Ariana to recuperate before her London shows."

I told last week how the Thank U, Next singer will film the London shows for a TV concert special. It is due to spark a bidding war, with streaming giants battling it out for the rights.

Ari previously teamed up with Netflix for a concert special of her 2019 Sweetener World Tour.

Public scrutiny

Earlier this month, Ariana shocked fans by revealing she plans to take a break from public life after her Eternal Sunshine Tour concludes in London.

In a statement, the singer's rep said: "Ariana will be taking a step back from visibility after she completes the tour.

"She looks forward to finishing the tour and ending it on a high note, both healthily and happily, and then taking a much-deserved break from public-facing work and appearances, which has led to endless, ongoing public scrutiny.

"This tour has been a beautiful experience for her.

"She loves her fans and has loved every minute of this tour so much."

ESCAPE . . . Ari visited retreat

GUEST . . . Sabrina was there too

Saturday job 'best'

FOUR in five people reckon Saturday jobs are the best way to help young people into work, a survey found.

But retail bosses fear government plans to alter zero-hours contracts will make it harder to offer those crucial first roles.

Some 400,000 young shop workers are part-time. But the same number of jobs were lost over ten years, says a British Retail Consortium report.

Chief Helen Dickinson said: "For generations Saturday jobs have given young people their first experience of work.

"The Government mustn't make it harder to create entry-level jobs."

Killer rap for biker

A MAN has been held on suspicion of murder after a grandad died following a brawl between rival bikers.

The clash between the Hells Angels and Vikings clubs saw them fight with chains, machetes and metal bars.

A total of 25 men, aged 18 to 73, have been held after the fight near a children's play park in Pontnewynydd, Gwent.

The family of victim Anthony Jones, 56, said: "The hole he's left in our family is impossible to put into words. Anthony was a much-loved grandfather, affectionately known to his grandchildren as Grumpy."

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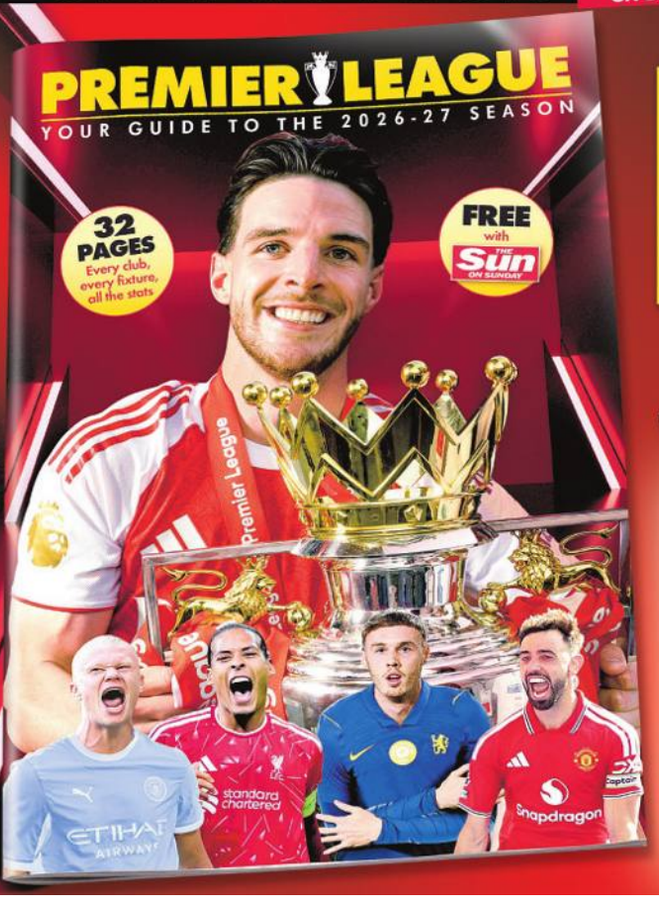

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Gleaming . . . the haul

Sewage builders' £7million gold find

By SEBASTIAN HAW

A STASH of gold worth £7.6million has been found sealed in the wall of a cellar by builders renovating a house.

Scores of ingots and coins were discovered when they started laying sewage pipes.

An 18-year-old named only as Kolbe was doing work experience at the site when the stash was found in Belgium.

He said: "Our first reaction was disbelief.

"At first I thought they were €1 coins. But then we saw a gold nugget lying there and realised it was something bigger."

It was not known who owns the gold – but they have five years to claim it under Belgian law.

If no one comes forward by then, it must be divided between the finder and the house's owner – a charity in Dendermonde, East Flanders – unless it is linked to criminal activity.

Police are investigating.

Beloved . . . Barbara

Pet store owner in sombre send-off

By ALEX WEST

HUNDREDS of locals lined a high street to pay their respects to a much-loved pet shop owner.

Barbara Mullaney, 70, was killed in a head-on car crash in June.

Yesterday mourners filled the centre of Cricklade, Wilts, to remember Barbara who ran Animal Fayre.

Some people brought their dogs to honour the animal lover.

The pets started barking when people began clapping as the funeral director led the hearse at walking pace.

The cortege paused outside her shop before continuing its journey to the North Wiltshire Crematorium.

Anthony Howells, 43, has been charged with murder and dangerous driving over the crash near Royal Wootton Bassett. He is due to appear at Bristol crown court next month.

HEATWAVE TRAVEL CHAOS

2ND TRAIN DERAILED

Off tracks less than 24hrs after horror crash

Probe . . . rail staff at Lewes yesterday

A SECOND passenger train derailed yesterday less than 24 hours after three carriages overturned trapping 40 people — as experts warned heatwaves may be warping tracks.

The rear coaches of the nine-carriage Greater Anglia service came off the rails just after 2pm but stayed upright, bumping into an overhead line support as it came to a halt.

Between 40 and 45 people were on board when the 1.51pm from Southend Victoria to London Liverpool Street left the tracks near Wickford in Essex. Emergency crews rushed to the scene but police said later no one was hurt.

The derailment happened just hours after Greater Thameslink Railway boss John Whitehurst said derailments were "incredibly rare" and insisted: "The railway is safe."

It brought travel chaos with

By EMILY-JANE HEAP and THOMAS GODFREY

National Rail warning passengers to expect "major disruption". A South Western Railway train also slipped off tracks at slow speed in a depot at Clapham Junction in South London at about 12.30am yesterday, causing minor disruption.

The Rail Accident Investigation Branch, meanwhile, was looking into Thursday's 3.54pm derailment at Lewes, East Sussex.

It saw 150 passengers evacuated after the 2.24pm Southern Rail service from London Victoria to Eastbourne overturned and slipped down a bank. Police yesterday said two people remained in hospital.

Most of the rail network can operate at track temperatures up to 46C – equivalent to 30C air temperature, according to Network Rail.

Yet in the Lewes derailment, on the year's hottest day so far, it hit 38.1C while at Lewes it hit 33C.

The RAIB experts are expected to consider whether the heat caused the steel rails to warp at both derailment sites. Professor William Powrie, a geotechnical engineering expert at the University of Southampton, said: "Increased temperatures make continuously welded rails 'want' to expand. If they can't do so, that can lead to rail buckling."

RAIB inspectors were seen examining buckled tracks near the Lewes accident site yesterday.

The Sun can reveal that railway bosses were warned in 2024 that the line was susceptible to heat.

Network Rail's Southern Region Weather Resilience and Climate Change Adaptation Plan cited "track buckling in continuous welded rail" and "derailment due to track buckle" as top risks. The document said bosses opted to repair, not replace, damaged tracks.

Lewes MP James MacCleary said he spoke to Southern Rail about the route getting "bumpier" of late and suggested it may be a result of "the incredibly hot weather". Network Rail said it would not comment on an ongoing investigation.

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2 CHARGED OVER SARA DAD SLASH

TWO prisoners have been charged after tragic Sara Sharif's killer dad had his neck and face slashed with a jagged tuna tin lid.

Urfan Sharif, 43, was allegedly ambushed in his cell on New Year's Day last year.

It came weeks into his life sentence for murdering ten-year-old Sara after a campaign of abuse.

The Crown Prosecution Service yesterday confirmed Steven Sansom, 47, and Adam Watson, 39, have been charged with attempted murder at HMP Belmarsh, South East London.

By JULIA ATHERLEY and MIKE HAMILTON

The pair are due to appear at Westminster magistrates' court on August 26.

The Sun revealed how Sharif, serving a minimum term of 40 years, was lucky to survive the attack last January. Sara had been beaten, burned and bitten over two years before her death in August 2023.

Abused . . . Sara

She was made to wear a hijab to conceal her injuries and eventually home-schooled in Woking, Surrey, to avoid teachers becoming suspicious.

Sharif, wife Batool, 30, and brother Faisal Malik, 29, sparked a global manhunt after fleeing to Pakistan.

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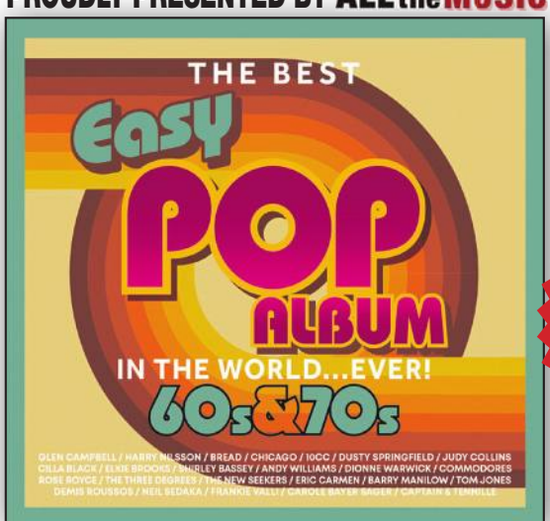

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16 Andy Williams - (Where Do I Begin) Love Story
17 Mama Cass - Dream A Little Dream Of Me
18 The Walker Brothers - Make It Easy On Yourself
19 Jackie DeShannon - What The World Needs Now Is Love
20 Bobbie Gentry - I'll Never Fall In Love Again
21 Dionne Warwick – This Girl's In Love With You
22 Acker Bilk - Stranger On The Shore

Disc 2
1 Commodores - Easy
2 Rose Royce – Love Don't Live Here Anymore
3 The Three Degrees - Woman in Love
4 Aretha Franklin – Until You Come Back To Me (That's What I'm Gonna Do)
5 Cilla Black – Anyone Who Had A Heart
6 Lesley Gore - Misty
7 Engelbert Humperdinck - The Last Waltz
8 Al Martino - Spanish Eyes
9 Matt Monro - Born Free
10 Tony Bennett - The Good Life
11 Jack Jones - Wives And Lovers
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13 Christie - Yellow River
14 The New Seekers - I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing (In Perfect Harmony)
15 Dawn & Tony Orlando - Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree
16 Carole Bayer Sager – You're Moving Out Today
17 Peter Shelley – Love Me Love My Dog
18 Dana - Please Tell Him That I Said Hello
19 Jacky - White Horses
20 Sammy Davis Jr. - The Candy Man
21 George Baker Selection - Paloma Blanca
22 Scott Fitzgerald & Yvonne Keely – If I Had Words

Disc 3
1 Percy Faith & His Orchestra - Theme from "A Summer Place"
2 Bobby Goldsboro - Honey
3 Charlie Rich - The Most Beautiful Girl
4 Crystal Gayle - Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue
5 Eric Carmen - All By Myself
6 Barry Manilow - Tryin' to Get the Feeling Again
7 Tom Jones - She's A Lady
8 Demis Roussos - Forever And Ever
9 Ben E. King – Spanish Harlem
10 Johnny Mathis & Ray Conniff & His Orchestra & Chorus - Wonderful Wonderful
11 Doris Day - Move Over Darling
12 Ketty Lester - Love Letters
13 Mary Mason - Angel of the Morning / Any Way That You Want Me
14 Liverpool Express – Every Man Must Have A Dream
15 Neil Sedaka - Laughter in the Rain
16 Frankie Valli – My Eyes Adored You
17 George Benson – The Greatest Love Of All
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AFTER PM SAYS

By OLIVER HARVEY
Chief Feature Writer, in Ashton-in-Makerfield

IT is 11am at a Betfred bookies in Andy Burnham's constituency and the shop regulars are poring over the day's race cards.

Amid the laughter and banter, retired bricklayer Derek Gaskell, 75, tells me: "It's like a social club where you come to meet your friends.

"I'll have a fiver on a horse if I fancy it. This isn't the sort of area where people can bet £500."

Yet this week the new Prime Minister wagged a hectoring finger at betting shops like this one and declared them a blight on "hollowed out" high streets.

It was perhaps a surprising move for a man who prides himself on his common touch.

Indeed, Burnham might want to pop into Betfred in Ashton-in-Makerfield town centre and witness for himself the camaraderie and community spirit thriving inside.

Over a free cup of tea which comes on tap at the shop in Greater Manchester, an 81-year-old retired hairdresser tells me she brings in her husband to meet his mates after he had a stroke.

'Fake cigarettes'

The woman, who didn't want to be named, revealed: "We come in every day and I don't even have a bet. Everyone is lovely, including the staff. It's like a little community.

"My husband has a little bet and a laugh with his friends. It keeps his brain going."

Studying the form, retired joiner Martin Rock, 81, who likes to bet around £12.50 a week on accumulators, said: "I know everyone here by their face if not their name."

As for the Government crackdown on bookies, he said: "Nobody forces you to come into a bookies and put a bet on. It's up to you."

Pledging to bring high streets "back to life", the Prime Minister announced measures on Tuesday to give local councils the power to block betting shops, arcades and vape shops.

Burnham insisted: "The rise of vape shops, betting shops and rogue operators have replaced the shops, services and community spaces that people are crying out for."

And Labour MP Dawn Butler said: "We have to stop this ridiculous proliferation of betting shops."

Yet there is no "proliferation" of bookies overwhelming our high streets. In fact, numbers are in freefall.

Gambling Commission figures reveal that there were 9,111 betting shops in Britain in March 2014. By March this year numbers had collapsed to 5,542.

There have been 15,000 jobs lost as a result of the closures since 2019 – many in the left-behind areas Burnham is now trying to revitalise.

Many in the industry are furious that Burnham mentioned bookies in the same breath as "rogue operators".

The Betting and Gaming Council said: "It is wrong to lump highly regulated, licensed betting shops together with rogue or criminal businesses."

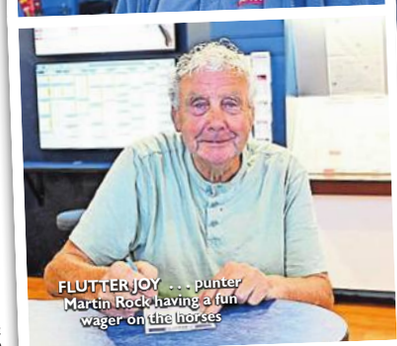
And an industry source said: "Labour is shaming thousands of hard-working Brits who have jobs with bookies as well as people who like a bet."

Conservative MP Nigel Huddleston said Burnham's plans are "nanny-state nonsense", adding: "The lefties just can't resist telling people what to do and how to spend their money, can they?"

Inside Ashton's Betfred, retired tyre fitter John Kavanagh, 81, has just had a £5 accumulator bet

TAKE A BITE . . . chicken shop owner Marcin Wysocki wants migrant hotels closed

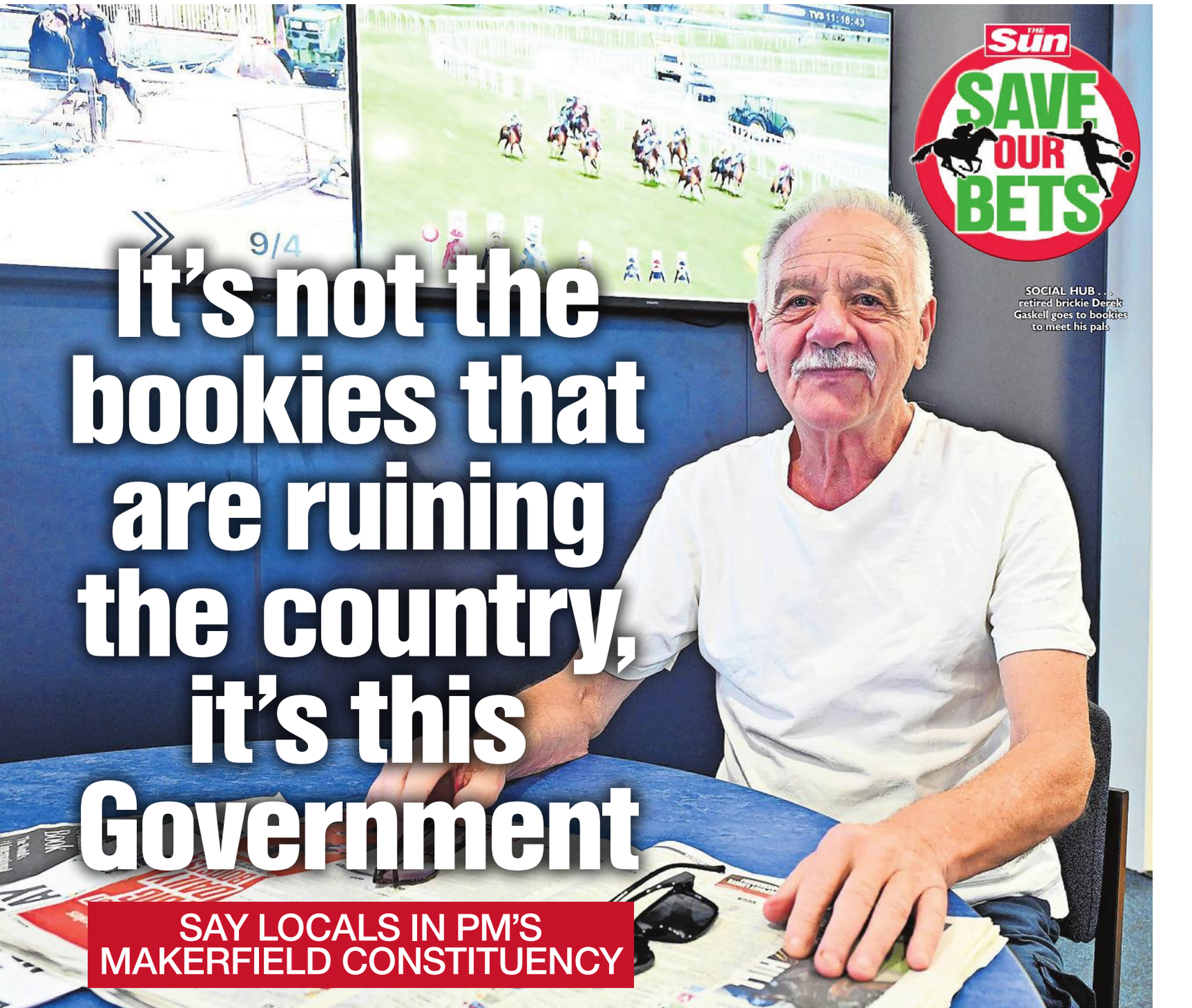
SURE BET . . . Natalie Leonard outside the shop she has managed for nine years


FLUTTER JOY . . . punter Martin Rock having a fun wager on the horses

GLASS HALF FULL . . . Jack Duffy, boss of Red Lion Pub, says tax cut is not enough

VISIT . . . Burnham trip to Makerfield in June

GAMBLING A BLIGHT ON HIGH STREETS



SOCIAL HUB . . . retired brickie Derek Gaskell goes to bookies to meet his pals

It's not the bookies that are ruining the country, it's this Government

SAY LOCALS IN PM'S MAKERFIELD CONSTITUENCY

at Beverley races. Of the Prime Minister's crackdown, he insisted: "We're all grown adults.

"If we choose to go into a betting shop it's our privilege."

Watching over her community of punters is Natalie Leonard, who has managed the shop for nine years.

The mum-of-three, 39, said: "Many of our customers here are elderly. There's a lot of men who have lost their wives and are lonely.

"They come in to have a catch-up with friends over a cup of tea. There's a lot of them only put a pound on a race.

"It's wrong that we're being compared to vape shops."

A mile away is Haydock Park, a sporting jewel just outside Burnham's constituency which stages the Group 1 Haydock Sprint Cup and the Grade 1 Betfair Chase.

This week Entain, which owns Ladbrokes and Coral, revealed its betting shops pump around £50million a year into British horseracing. So are bookmakers really helping to "hollow out" Ashton? Since its William Hill shop closed earlier this year, there are just two betting shops in the town centre with another more than a mile away on the outskirts.

At his newsagents adorned with The Sun's masthead, Steven Broadhurst, 64, said: "Bookies aren't part of the problem. The Government get enough tax off them.

"They don't get any tax off the shops selling fake cigarettes at £5 a packet."

'Costs are astronomical'

Steven says Labour's tax hikes mean many local businesses are loath to take on new staff.

The dad-of-two added: "I won't even think about employing staff now. It's just me and the wife.

"The Government put up Employer's National Insurance and dropped the threshold where you start paying it. And then they put the minimum wage up as well.

"It's ridiculous. Small businesses can't afford to employ anybody." At his car parts business nearby, Michael Lysons, 40, told me: "We've been here for 54 years and it has never been more difficult.

"We haven't paid business rates for 15 years and they've come back in again this year. The price of everything is going up, including our electricity bill."

As for Ashton being blighted by bookies, Michael said: "The problem on the high street are these vape shops and the cover-ups for what's really going on behind the doors."

Last year Habib Hakim, from Kaz Mini Market in Ashton, was fined £200 after being caught selling vapes to a 16-year-old. It is illegal to sell e-cigarette or vape products to under-18s.

Ashton's town centre is in the midst of a £6.6million revamp using cash allocated by Conservative Chancellor Jeremy Hunt in 2023.

The town's market square is being spruced up, pavements widened and shop fronts improved. It remains to be seen whether the facelift will lead to new prosperity.

Among the most beleaguered high street businesses are pubs.

Announcing a 20 per cent cut to business rates from April, Burnham called it a "first step" to help landlords.

Social clubs and live music venues will also benefit from the tax cut.

At the Red Lion in Ashton, boss Jack Duffy, 27, whose family own three other pubs in the area, said of the cut: "It's not enough to help us. Our costs are astronomical, our energy bill is huge. And people don't seem to have a lot of money to get out and spend it."

At his chicken shop nearby, Marcin Wysocki, 47, who arrived in Britain from Poland in 2010, believes Burnham is "doing nothing" about declining high streets.

The dad-of-two says the PM should close all migrant hotels and invest that cash to help people "who have paid into the system".

No one I met in Ashton pointed to betting shops as the reason for the decline of our high streets.

Yet some in the Labour movement want bookies – and even bingo halls – to face more tax.

The party's Brent Council leader Muhammed Butt wrote to Burnham demanding higher business rates for gambling premises.

The PM's attitude to betting shops seems to have shifted since 2020.

During Covid, when he was Manchester's mayor, he told of his concern for "people working in pubs, in bookies, driving taxis, people too often forgotten by those in power".

Back in Ashton's Betfred, the old friends are discussing the weekend's racing fixtures at Newbury and Newmarket.

Ex-builder Derek insisted: "We've only got two bookies in the Ashton centre, so where's the problem? People don't have to come in.

"It's not bookies that are ruining everything – it's the Government."

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2 quakes in one Dai

TWO earthquakes rocked Wales on the same day.

Wednesday's tremors were detected 100 miles apart, said experts.

The British Geological Survey said the first hit Llangynidr, Powys, registering 1.1 on the Richter scale at a depth of 6km at 3.22am.

A 1.3-magnitude quake at 8km depth was detected further north at Bontddu, Gwynedd, at 1.30pm. It is not known if locals felt either quake.

Most registering below 2.5 go unnoticed but are detected by seismographs.

The UK moves north-east on the Eurasian tectonic plate and gets 200 to 400 quakes a year.

£7k hotel blast win

TWO boys cut when a steam room door exploded in a Turkish hotel have finally got £7,000 compensation.

But their father had to battle for ten months to get CCTV footage from the owners showing the glass lacerating his sons, aged 16 and 11, in 2022.

The dad said: "It just looked like carnage.

"There was blood and glass all over the place."

Jet2Holidays, which had denied liability, finally agreed to pay up for the injuries at the Green Nature Diamond Hotel in Dalaman.

Jet2Holidays said: "We would like to reiterate how sorry we are."

EXPERT TESTS CELEBRITY DRINK RANGES

Isle have what Olivia is having

HER romance with Pete Wicks keeps fans guessing, but when it comes to business, Olivia Attwood is pouring everything into it.

The presenter and ex-Lover Islander has launched Savano, her range of ready-to-drink cocktails.

The first three – Hot Honey Margarita, Moscow Mule and Caipirinha – sold out in Sainsbury's almost immediately.

Other famous names have launched tipples this summer, so drinks expert HELENA NICKLIN tastes and rates the latest celebrity sips.

Cara Delevingne, Della Vita Bellini Spritz £3.85, 200ml, 7.5%, Amazon

SUPERMODEL, actress and musician Cara has turned her hand to tinned tipples, founding a swish spritz range with sisters Poppy and Chloe.

Four different aperitifs are mixed with the family's very own prosecco. You can't go wrong with the Aperitivo, Hugo, Bellini or Lemon Spritz. Authentic, not too sweet and so delicious.

The Bellini would be perfect in Harry's Bar, Venice, where it originated.

5/5

Groove Armada, X Signature Brew Wildfarmed Lager, £3, 440ml, 5%, Waitrose

IF you are fond of sand dunes and salty air, and want to keep them for future generations, this is a worthy brew to support.

Made with a kinder footprint, the Do It Right lager is a collab between electronic hit-makers, regenerative farmers Wildfarmed and brewers Signature Brew.

A tasty, gluggable Czech-style lager with biscuit and floral notes.

I see you baby, drinking that beer.

5/5

Ellie Goulding, Served, Lychee Martini £3.30, 250ml, 8%, Sainsbury's

WHILE you await Ellie's sixth album – I Know Too Much, due to be released on September 4 – enjoy hits from her ready-to-drink cocktail range Served.

The Lychee Martini in its dusky pink tin is a smasher. Pale pink and sweet, it has a slight synthetic note, so it's not as pure as I would like. But it's good for the price.

For something stronger, head to serveddrinks.co.uk for a 14.9% ABV option in 125ml tins (12 cans for £42).

3/5

Olivia Attwood, Savano Hot Honey Margarita £3.60, 125ml, 15%, Amazon

GIVEN her huge following, it's no surprise Love Island favourite Olivia's new, natty-looking Savano cocktails are a hit.

Since launching two weeks ago the tins have sold out regularly. With their candy-cane packaging, these are well branded and affordably premium.

The Hot Honey Margarita packs a fiery punch, while the Caipirinha and Moscow Mule are night-out worthy, if a tad sweet. With the Mule at 10% ABV and the other two at 15%, they're pretty powerful.

3/5

Jessica Ennis-Hill, Seven Summers Rosé £12.50, 7%, 7summers.co.uk

I DID a double take when I saw this – a gold medal-winning Olympian bringing out a wine.

But Dame Jess has always been about balance and loves pink plonk. Her wine has an ABV of just 7%, but you can barely tell. It still hits the spot with its sappy salinity and red-berry charm.

Hats off to Master of Wine Ray O'Connor at Atelier Wines who teamed up with her to make it. Another winner.

5/5

Gillian Anderson, G Spot non-alcoholic drinks, £2.50, 250ml, M&S

THIS alcohol-free offering from X-Files actress Gillian is a grown-up soft drink without all the sugar.

The caffeine-free sparkling "functional" drinks are made with natural nootropics (for cognitive function) and adaptogens (plants thought to help alleviate stress).

The flavours – Awaken, Soothe, Lift and Arouse – are great booze-free options.

Sip these slowly – they are worth the cash.

4/5

Ryan Reynolds, Wrexham Lager £2.50, 330ml, 5%, Morrisons

AFTER resurrecting football club Wrexham, actors Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney now have a hefty stake in the city's beer company.

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Patrol . . . at gardens

‘Outdoor sex’ pair busted in bushes

By ALEX WEST

A COP who caught a couple having sex in bushes and asked what they were doing was told: “We’re shagging”, a court heard.

The police officer was on patrol after reports of a man with a knife and heard rustling.

She allegedly spotted “a male lying on the ground and a female on top of him” in Bournemouth’s Upper Gardens.

The court heard that Joshua Wadley, 33, and Holly Hanson-Stewart, 35, thought they were hidden from view.

Prosecutor Laura Lohk said: “The officer was shocked but the male and female appeared to be unconcerned.”

At Weymouth magistrates, Wadley was fined £80, plus £85 costs, after admitting to an act of outraging public decency.

Hanson-Stewart had not entered a plea to the same charge and is due in court later this month.

Threat . . . dolphins

Alert over dolphin attacks at beach

By ALEX WEST

BEACHGOERS are being warned about dolphin attacks after day trippers got too close to a new mother and her calf.

Officials say there are numerous incidents around the UK of bottle-nose dolphins ramming people or trying to hold them under the water.

The recent sighting was at New Quay in West Wales, which boasts one of Britain’s biggest bottle-nose pods.

Cardigan Bay marine protected area officer Melanie Heath said: “While we understand the excitement of such encounters, this is a dangerous situation.

“Dolphins are big, powerful animals, up to four metres long, and apex predators. A female with a calf may become aggressive to protect it.

“We need everyone to give them space and keep at least the length of a football pitch away.”

LIFE’S A DRAG FOR NICOLE

NICOLE Kidman goes glam in a drag bar dressing-room — as she appears in her first music video since Somethin’ Stupid with Robbie Williams in 2001.

The actress, 59, also takes a, er, drag on a cig, *left*, before posing in front of a mirror with a performer for singer and fellow Aussie Troye Sivan’s single She’s The Best.

By FREYA FRASER

Nicole told British Vogue: “I used to go to trans clubs. That’s where I learnt to do my hair and make-up. I would sit down as a little freckled-faced, red-headed girl and they would make me beautiful.”

NO SIGN OF FORMER DUCHESS

BEA AT FERGIE EX’S FUNERAL

Send-off for F1 tycoon Paddy McNally

PRINCESS Beatrice paid her respects to her mum’s ex-boyfriend Paddy McNally at his funeral yesterday.

The eldest daughter of shamed Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor and Sarah Ferguson joined mourners at the low-key ceremony for the F1 tycoon.

Playboy millionaire McNally dated Fergie in the 1980s.

They remained close friends and he supported her financially over the years and let her stay in his “cocaine castle” ski chalet in Verbier.

EXCLUSIVE by ALEX WEST and MATT WILKINSON

He died aged 88 last month on his estate in Sevenhampton, Wilts.

There has been speculation that Fergie may get a slice of his £600million estate. It is understood she did not attend as she did not want to be a distraction.

The former Duchess of York, 66, has avoided the public eye since her ex-husband Andrew gave up his peerage titles following the scandal surrounding his paedo friend, financier Jeffrey Epstein.

Beatrice, 38, *inset*, entered St James’s Church from a private road on Mr McNally’s adjoining estate.

The F1 mogul’s personal assistant told The Sun: “This is a private family funeral. It’s just for local yokels today. He had an amazing life.”

She said a wider memorial service, which Fergie may attend, will take place in London later this year.

Yesterday, the congregation heard a gaelic blessing, a reading from Mr McNally’s son Rollo and tribute by friend Grant Barker.

Soprano Ann-Marie Cullum sang In An English Country Garden. One mourner said: “It was a wonderful service befitting the great man.”

Past romance . . Fergie & Paddy in ’97

THE Fun FOR KIDS

SUMMER OF FREE WONDER

Fab days out don't have to cost loads – from algae-covered ponds to a mossy wall, kids see the world in a new light on 'tightseeing' trips

PARENTS SPEND on average £400 per child on pricey sightseeing days out, a survey shows* – but plenty of activities needn't cost a thing.

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Hours spent looking for crabs in rock pools. Turning sticks into a house and making mud pies in the "kitchen". Inventing games in the park until Mum and Dad said it was time to go home.

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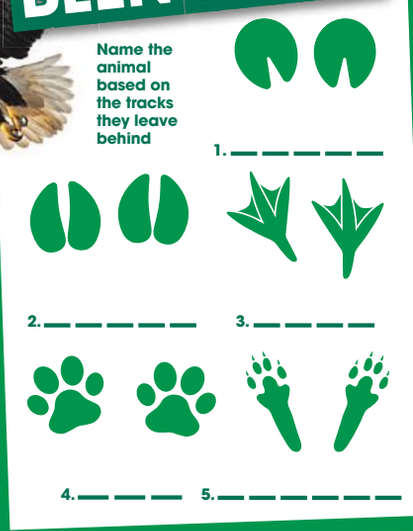
Name the animal based on the tracks they leave behind



WARNING CAN YOU HANDLE THIS MUCH FUN?

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DON'T MIND THE RAIN
No need to be sad if it's grey or wet – sometimes you can see a flower's colours or a snail shell's pattern much better when it's not too sunny.

SKETCH SAFARI!

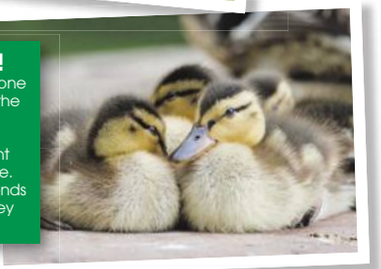
Take a notebook and draw the things that catch your eye. From cool cobwebs to skippety squirrels, you'll spot all sorts of amazing details if you stop and really look...

HAVE A MISSION
Turn it into a game. On a day out, decide to only draw pictures of red things, or only things that fly, or that begin with the letter B, for example.

JUMP TO IT
Not all creatures are going to wait around – sometimes you need to draw a faster masterpiece. Spotted a frog? Quick, get scribbling before it leaps into the water!

SEE WITH BUG EYES
No, that doesn't mean you need eight eyes like a spider. When you're sketching an insect, get right down to their level – try peeking through the grass.

GO FOR IT!
Don't just make one sketch – look at the same thing from new angles and draw the different details you notice. Then ask your frends which version they like the best.



5 TOP TIGHTSEEING SPOTS

It's amazing what can spark a sense of imagination during day trips. Here are just five of the unforgettable sights Specsavers says to keep an eye out for

HOUSE IN THE CLOUDS THORPENESS, SUFFOLK
Thorpeness Meare has a boating lake dotted with islands and hidden corners. There's a windmill and a pretty red house on top of a tall tower – can you see it in the treetops?

SEA OF WATER LILLIES BLACK PARK, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
With 250 acres of forest and an adventure playground, Black Park is full of wonder. Don't miss the lake that's covered in more water lilies than you can count.

FAIRY POOLS ISLE OF SKYE
These little waterfalls and crystal blue pools on the slopes of the Cuillin mountains are truly magical. And see if you can spot eagles and red deer at nearby Glen Brittle Beach.

CHAIR IN A TREE MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE
The yew tree at St Batholomew's church in this village is about 1,500 years old and so big you can sit inside it. The free gardens at nearby Hellen Manor are perfect for a picnic, too.

HORSE HILL PARC PENALLTA, CAERPHILLY
Sultan the Pit Pony is an enormous sculpture in south Wales made from 60,000 tonnes of coal shale, dirt and stone. Run the 200 metres along his legs and mane, and don't forget to check out the hoof-shaped ponds!

Specsavers Tightseeing

Who's been here? answers: 1. Horse 2. Sheep 3. Duck 4. Dog 5. Rabbit

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Dahlia-Rose . . and Gartshore

Hairdryer baby kill ma gets six years

By SIAN MAHER

A MUM who killed her 13-week-old baby daughter by blasting her with hot air from a hairdryer has been jailed.

Courtney Gartshore, 28, turned the device on tragic Dahlia-Rose after a night of partying in September 2023.

The tot's injuries were so bad that one paramedic thought her body was decomposing.

Gartshore claimed that Dahlia-Rose had died of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome at her flat in Peterhead, Aberdeenshire.

But jurors found her guilty of culpable homicide last week.

Judge Simon Collins said it was "a gross breach of the most basic duty as a parent" as he jailed her for six years at Aberdeen's high court.

Pals had told The Sun they believe Gartshore was trying to warm up the "frozen" tot with the hairdryer after carrying her about on a cold night until 4am as she boozed and tried to score drugs.

Jailed . . . O'Dell

Builder's card nab ATM raid on OAP

By ALEX WEST

A COWBOY builder stole a bank card from a woman with dementia and tried to withdraw hundreds of pounds.

The pensioner asked Leo Sayer O'Dell, 44, for help when she mistakenly thought she was locked out in April and he was working nearby.

Doorbell-cam footage showed O'Dell entering the property and saying he would look upstairs.

He stole her card, then withdrew £100 and tried to take more.

He returned the card but took another £20 off her after claiming she had given him fake notes to pay for a locksmith.

Separately, O'Dell also failed to complete more than £3,000 in guttering work he had been paid for under a fake name.

O'Dell, of Southampton, admitted theft and fraud at the city's crown court and was sent to prison for 16 months.

Picture: Splash

CHELLE A BABE IN THE WOODS

By JANINE YAQOOB

MICHELLE Keegan licks her lips as she gets set to taste success yet again — in new Netflix thriller The Woods.

The in-demand actress, 39, was seen in a striped top filming with Inbetweeners star James Buckley, 38, *right*, in Knutsford, Cheshire.

Former Corrie favourite Michelle — whose series Fool Me Once was a global hit for the streamer — will also appear in ITV drama The Blame this autumn.

END OF AN ERA

KRAYS' RIVAL EDDIE DEAD AT 90

Ronnie & Reggie . . . and Eddie

Richardson ran mob

By MICHAEL HAMILTON

EX-gangster and Kray twins rival Eddie Richardson has died at 90.

The London mobland boss led the fearsome Richardson gang with late brother Charlie.

Eddie, an enforcer in the 1950s and 1960s, developed a career as an after-dinner speaker and artist in later life.

Born in Camberwell, South London, in 1936, Eddie started off working in the scrap metal industry.

He and his older brother Charlie went on to built an empire of clubs and businesses across South London.

They expanded into Soho and made a fortune through blue movie cinemas and providing fruit machines and bouncers for other venues.

The Richardson crew – also including "Mad" Frankie Fraser – were dubbed the Torture Gang with a reputation for sadistic punishments.

In the 1960s, they fought a deadly turf war with late East London villains Ronnie and Reggie Kray.

The Krays eventually got life for murder while Eddie and Charlie, who died aged 78 in 2012, also served long prison terms.

Eddie, who had two daughters with wife Maureen, had paintings exhibited and sold after finding a talent for it during a second jail stretch.

He also worked with charities and boxing clubs.

Eddie dismissed the Krays in an interview with The Sun last year, saying: "They were f***ing mugs. Very thick."

He is understood to have passed away peacefully, surrounded by family

An underworld source said: "When people think of old-school gangsters, they think of the Krays. But the Richardson gang were arguably more heavy-duty. With Eddie passing, it's the end of an era."

Caged . . . Razzell

Wife killer Razzell's release is quashed

By MIKE SULLIVAN

WIFE-killer Glyn Razzell will remain in jail after the High Court reversed a Parole Board decision to release him on licence.

He was sentenced to life in 2003 for the murder of Linda Razzell.

While divorcing, the mum of four vanished on her way to work at Swindon College. Her body has never been found.

This April, the Parole Board ruled Razzell could be freed despite not saying where her body is.

But in the first use of new powers, the Secretary of State for Justice referred the decision to the High Court.

Mrs Justice Cheema-Grubb said: "I'm not persuaded the risk has diminished to such a level that offender management is capable of keeping the public safe if the defendant is released."

Linda's relatives had urged the court to block the release.

Ordeal . . . Libby & TJ

£3.5k op after dog scoffed a toy duck

By ED SOUTHGATE

A DOG was saved by vets after he swallowed a 6cm rubber duck.

The owners of nine-year-old French bulldog TJ had no idea he had eaten the toy.

Libby Burgwin, 28, took him to be seen only after he was repeatedly sick.

A scan revealed the surprise, with vets believing it had been inside the pet a few weeks.

Libby said: "We couldn't believe it when we saw the X-ray. There were no bite marks, he just swallowed it whole. It was unreal.

"They said this was the weirdest thing they'd ever seen a dog swallow."

The duck was removed during £3,500 surgery in Telford, Shrops. Stomach acid had turned it black and shrunk it to 3cm.

TJ has now fully recovered. Libby said they had bought ducks for him to play with since he was a a pup – "but he won't be having any more now".

HARSH RULES AIM TO CLEAN UP

EXCLUSIVE by
THEA JACOBS

A DRUNK tourist held up by two friends is seconds away from being hit with a huge fine for vomiting in the street.

City council workers who issue the penalties – dubbed tourist police by locals – zero in on the three lads and get their machines out, ready to issue the penalty just after midnight.

But just before the wasted Brit throws up, a fourth pal appears with a plastic bag that is opened and primed to catch it.

Thwarted, the "fun police" return to scouring the crowd for the next opportunity to slap a tourist with a draconian fine.

Welcome to Split in Croatia, where party tourists are having to get creative to avoid the city's €300 (£256) fines for vomiting, urinating or drinking in the street.

The city's crackdown on drunks is now in its third year.

The gigantic fines were introduced in 2023. Then, the following year, the mayor forced the Old Town's bars to shut at midnight instead of 2am in a bid to quieten things down.

'Pointless posturing'

And now, officials have voted in a temporary ban on the sale of alcohol in shops between 9pm and 6am.

It will remain in force until September 15.

Announcing the restriction plan at the start of summer, Mayor Tomislav Suta told Croatian press the move would "curb drunkenness and disorderly behaviour".

But business owners have branded it "virtue signalling".

One, who did not want to be named amid fears of upsetting City Hall, said: "It's pointless and posturing as most shops close by 9pm.

"Most tourists aren't drinking from cans on the street anyway."

Every night, the tourist police – two officials dressed in white – prowl the city streets to catch out anyone breaking the rules.

They are flanked by six security guards in uniform emblazoned with the word "Pitbull", who will catch anyone who tries to swerve a fine.

The Sun watched as, just after midnight, two men walking along the street drinking beer were stopped and fined for boozing.

Another tourist who was hit with a fine for urinating in a side street said: "It's ridiculous that they're issuing fines for weeing in the street when the public toilets are closed.

"I can't go into a bar after midnight, and the clubs take for ever to get into."

When The Sun last visited Split three years ago, gigantic signs peppered pedestrian-only Marmontova street, laying out oppressive rules.

The notices warned visitors they were "in the city of a Roman emperor, so act like it".

Now they are gone, replaced by smaller signs at the entrance to the Old Town, making Split look less like a city with a drunken tourist issue.

But given that a €3.80 (£3.25) beer is the same price as a lemonade in most bars, it is no surprise visitors are choosing the harder stuff.

The crackdown has left some bars struggling, however, as they have been forced to close during their busiest time of night – midnight to 2am.

Leo Males, owner of Mandrill's pub and Leopold's Craft Beer Bar, told The Sun: "The streets are louder now than ever before because the drunk tourists are just being let loose on to them at midnight. If a guest in my bar is behaving like an idiot, I'll tell them and they always calm down.

"But once they're on the street, they won't listen.

"There's a respect for workers, but they won't listen to random locals.

"The city wants people to be more respectful, but when they're stuck on the street at midnight there is nowhere for them to go to the loo other than the streets. Public toilets shut at 11pm or 12am, and they can't go into a bar any more. It's just not very sensible, but we'll survive. The service industry is very resilient and before long, someone else will be in power with different ideas."

Leo has had bars in the city for 15 years, and his craft beers keep punters coming back for more – as do his drinking challenges.

Customers can take on the Tequila Dum Dum challenge, where they put on a World War One helmet and get smacked three times with a shot of tequila and tonic water, before downing it for just €5 (£4.27).

Thankfully, the city's fines are not putting most tourists off coming and having fun.

Phoebe, 22, from South London, is on a girls' holiday in Split with three pals and they have had no issues.

She said: "We were out until 5am last night. We were in Charlie's Bar until 4am and then just on the street. We've had so much fun. There's so many different people here."

Last year 825,000 Brits holidayed in Croatia, with Split being the country's second most popular destination.

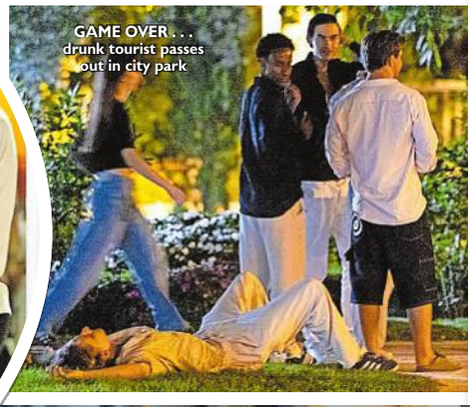
It is a two-and-a-half hour flight from the UK and return tickets cost around £250 during the summer months.

Around 3,000 people live in the city's Old Town – and it was complaints from some of these locals about "rowdy" tourists that sparked the crackdown.

For Juraj Perisic, who owns Georgy Shooters Bar, having to close early has cost him around 20 per cent of his profits.

"The city has made a mistake," he said. "They wanted to make it quieter but instead, it's louder. People make a

PAYING THE PRICE . . . tourist police issue on-the-spot fines to two men drinking in the street



GAME OVER . . . drunk tourist passes out in city park

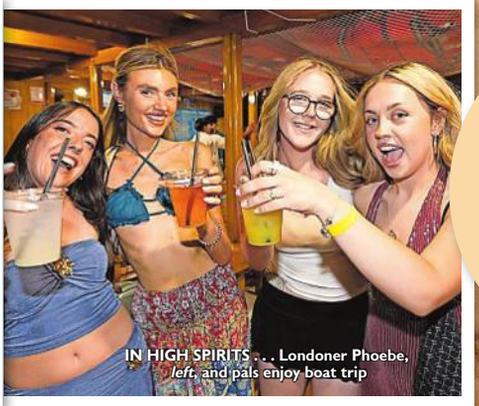
'It's ridiculous they're issuing fines for weeing in the street when the public toilets are closed. I can't go into a bar after midnight, and the clubs take for ever to get into'
– FINED TOURIST

BIG NIGHT OUT . . . a group sit in the street to carry on drinking after pub closing time

Pictures by DARREN FLETCHER

SPLIT CITY BUT BAR OWNERS SUFFER

GETTING PARTY STARTED . . . pair drink from bottle on daytime booze cruise



IN HIGH SPIRITS . . . Londoner Phoebe, *left*, and pals enjoy boat trip

'We were out until 5am last night. We were in Charlie's Bar until 4am and then just on the street. We've had so much fun. There's so many different people here'
– PHOEBE

Party-loving tourists booze on the streets in Croatia...as 'fun police' get ready to pounce with £250 fines

DOWN THE HATCH . . . tourist Madeline sips from a bucket of booze

mess because they're stuck outside on the streets.

"I'm lucky that my bar is a secondary income.

"But for people who rely on the tourism sector, it's been hard on them the past few years.

"They want elite tourism but there are no five-star hotels in the centre, no Michelin-star restaurants, or designer outlets.

"The city doesn't really cater to five-star guests.

"The only thing Split can be is a party place or it can go back to being a transit town, like it was for decades – a place where people would just board a ferry.

"Young people bring money, but they need to be managed. They can't be managed if they're sent on to the streets at midnight." Juraj's bar is renowned for offering wild-named shots such as Deep Throat, Morning Wood and Nipple Twister.

And girls can still flash the bartenders – who are both female – to get a free drink.

Seasoned boozers who can down ten shots in ten seconds also win a round for free.

'Biggest year yet'

Bartender Nicole Wray, 24, from West Sussex, is in Split for her second season, and loves it.

She said: "I couldn't ask for a better place to work. People have fun and are polite.

"I understand the bans are for the older generation, but it is having a massive economic impact on the Old Town and pushing people away from the city." However, one business that is busier than ever is Out To Sea Split, which sails party-loving punters 300m away from the Old Town so they can drink to their hearts' content.

Day trips cost €50 (£42.73) or €20 (£17.09) at night.

Sam Houghton, founder of Out To Sea Split, said: "I think they see it as us taking the problem away from the city with tourists looking for a night out.

"People are taken out on the boat, and after the night boat, we put them straight on to a bus to a club.

"We are definitely seeing a younger crowd, but it's been our biggest year yet."

Boiler Club, a nightclub which charges €30 (£25.63) to get in, is in favour of the city's restrictions to reduce antisocial behaviour. A spokesman said: "We believe that the discussion about Split's future should be grounded in proven European practices, that have delivered results in destinations that have faced the same challenges for many years.

"At the same time, we believe any new measure should be assessed in terms of its effectiveness, proportionality and application, while ensuring a balance between the interests of local residents, the sustainable development of tourism and the interests of responsible hospitality businesses."

Whatever side you support, it is safe to say the party in Split is still very much in full swing.

The mayor and city council were contacted for comment.

ON PATROL . . . city's 'Pitbull security' team seek out antisocial behaviour

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IF YOUR FAMILY HAS A TASTE FOR ADVENTURE

Pick and mix (food with fun)

TOP OF THE CROPS... Veg picking

WE all have to eat on a fun day out, so why not put the focus on the food?

By MEL HUNTER

Chew on these ideas to get in the mood...

FRUIT OF YOUR LABOUR: Find your nearest pick-your-own farm and enjoy filling up on fruit and vegetables. Now's a great time for sweetcorn, beans, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and more.

While you won't save huge amounts of money, you will get a fun school holiday activity thrown in and will return home with a bag full of fresh items.

PLANET WELL: Our big cities are full of food traditions from across the world. Tap into that diversity by heading to communities with international supermarkets and eateries.

Delve into different global tastes, before buying some tasty ingredients to recreate the experience at home.

FREE FEASTIVALS: You can find brilliant food festivals happening across the country each weekend, especially at this time of year. Search 'free food' on Eventbrite and you'll see plenty that don't charge an entry fee.

Once there, you can support local food producers and hopefully pick up some tasty free samples.

BEST OF PLUCK: Be a nature detective and pick free food from trees and hedgerows. You'll get plenty of blackberries and apples at this time of year.

But before doing so you must seek permission from landowners on private property, and only eat something when you are completely sure of what it is. Get tips and identify different plants and fruit on The Woodland Trust website woodlandtrust.org.uk.

STAGE A FOOD RESCUE: Set yourself the challenge to gather food from items that would otherwise be thrown away.

You can track down free edibles being distributed by Olio's food-waste heroes, and can get cut-price surprise bags of items from local cafes and shops via Too Good To Go.

Turn it into a family adventure and make a delicious meal from your finds.

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PUFFIN'S DUFFIN'

Picture: FRANCIS SO/SOLENT NEWS

By LAUREN UTTLEY

AN atlantic puffin ends up a soar loser after coming out on the wrong side of a tug-of-war with a seagull for a sand eel.

The elaborately-beaked bird thought it was home and dry after snapping up the fish, only for two gulls to duff it up and prise the meal from its beak.

The feathery duel was captured by photographer Francis So in Bakkageroi, Iceland.

He said: "The gulls were very keen to get in on the action.

"The puffin, after a brief period of resistance, gave in and only ended up with a tiny amount of its meal."

MASKED MENACE

E-BIKE THUG HITS GIRL, 2

Tot 'fighting for life' after crash

A TODDLER was fighting for life yesterday after a hit-and-run with an e-bike.

The two-year-old girl was in a critical but stable condition in hospital after she was hit in the street.

The e-bike rider, said to have been wearing a grey hoodie and a balaclava, rode away after the collision on Thursday evening in Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

The girl was flown to hospital by air ambulance where she was treated for her serious injuries.

Essex Police urgently appealed for witnesses or anyone with dash-cam footage to come forward.

The electric bike involved was described as having a scrambler design with red handlebars. A police spokesperson said: "Officers stopped several witnesses at the scene and are pursuing several lines of enquiry."

By JOHN LUCAS

Tendring District Commander Chief Inspector Stuart Austin said: "I understand the local community will be extremely concerned following this incident. We know the dangerous and anti-social use of e-bikes, e-scooters, and motorcycles impacts residents across town.

"We are committed to tackling the issue. During a two-day operation at the end of last month, we seized 24 vehicles and scooters. This work will continue.

"A child has been hurt, and we are working at pace to locate the person responsible. I'd urge anyone who can help to get in touch."

The incident happened on the evening of the Clacton by-election, which saw Reform UK leader Nigel Farage re-elected as the town's MP.

Hit . . . e-bike & Chief Insp Austin

● **A BOY** of 14 was arrested after the e-scooter he was on crashed into a female cyclist, 62, in Southampton on Thursday. The woman suffered life-threatening injuries.

PROMOTED CONTENT

THE POWER'S IN YOUR HANDS

Easy-to-use smart meters could save you cash, says longtime fitter Joe

MANY of us are now embracing sophisticated home tech to help make our lives a little bit easier, from doorbells and speakers to lights and vacuum cleaners.

But while a lot of new gadgets can be hundreds, even thousands of pounds, one time-saving device comes at no extra cost.

Smart meters are an upgrade on your old gas and electricity meters.

They log your energy use in much the same way as traditional meters.

But they also send these readings to suppliers, so you get accurate bills without having to take and send your own readings.

Plus, you can see exactly how much energy you're using with an accompanying display unit that shows a readout in pounds and pence, in near real time.

Joe Tupman has been fitting smart meters for five years.

"The in-home display unit is a real gamechanger," he says.

"When I show it to people, I get them to put the kettle on and watch how the dial shoots up.

"They can see exactly how much electricity they're using and how much it's costing them.

"Suddenly they're going round the house turning things on and off to see how they can cut their bill."

A smart meter works for customers in credit and those on prepay.

In prepay mode it shows the outstanding balance so you know where you stand.

You can even top up your credit online and it's added immediately – so less chance you'll need an emergency trip to the shop.

What's more, a smart meter opens up the option of moving to a time-of-use tariff or scheme that offers cheaper prices or rewards for using energy at off-peak times.

"If you have an electric vehicle to charge they're a no-brainer," says Joe.

"But most households can save a bit of cash just by shifting things like doing the laundry to off-peak times.

"Energy suppliers have their own schemes, so just see what yours offers."

Some people worry about new tech and fear things may go wrong.

'IT'S A REAL NO-BRAINER'

But having fitted thousands of smart meters in the homes of people from all walks of life, Joe has seen the difference these devices can make.

"It is such a simple switch," he says.

"If you don't want to look at the display, you don't have to – but don't worry, the smart meter on the wall will still be sending readings to your supplier and you'll still be getting accurate bills.

"And you can still check readings on the smart meter unit on the wall if you want to.

"You can do as much or as little as you want, but it will still be doing its basic job of sending accurate readings.

"And if you have any problems with the smart meter or the display, just contact your supplier and they can help get it sorted."

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Big day . . . Ray & Win

Honour for pair married 80 years

By ALEX WEST

ONE of Britain's longest-married couples had a care home lounge named after them to mark their 80th wedding anniversary.

Ray and Win Booth, aged 102 and 101 respectively, met as penpals in 1943, sending letters across the Atlantic during World War Two.

He was with the RAF in Canada when a pal put him in touch with his sister Win in England.

After the war, they met in person and got married in August 1946.

The couple were honoured on their anniversary at Norewood Lodge Care Home in Portishead, Somerset.

Daughter Caroline joined them as they cut the ribbon at the newly-named Winray Lounge.

Asked to reveal the secret behind their enduring marriage, Win simply said: "Love".

Ray added: "I just do as I'm told."

Tragedy . . . the hall

Visitor, 78 trampled to death by cattle

By ROB PATTINSON

AN ELDERLY man died after being trampled by cattle at a stately home's grounds, an inquest heard.

John Orton, 78, suffered severe chest injuries at the National Trust estate on July 13.

Police were called to Felbrigg Hall in Norfolk around 11.45am, but the retired telecoms engineer died at the scene.

The property, dating to the 1500s, was briefly closed after the tragedy.

An inquest into the death of Mr Orton, from Norfolk, was opened at the county's coroner's court yesterday.

Assistant coroner Maeve Sykes said a post-mortem examination had given a provisional cause of death of "severe chest injuries due to having been trampled by cattle".

The inquest was adjourned until next year.

In 2007, a falling branch killed Daniel Mullinger, 11, of Colchester, Essex, at the estate.

50 YEARS OF ABBA HIT HER MAJ LO

GLOBAL HIT . . . 1976 single topped chart in 15 different countries

EXCLUSIVE by **BEN GRIFFITHS**

IT is the dancefloor hit that was the late Queen's favourite song.

But we can reveal Abba's Dancing Queen – released 50 years ago this week – almost had a completely different name and made the Swedish foursome cry the first time they heard the final edit.

In an exclusive interview to mark half a century of the song, which has been streamed more than two billion times and was voted the UK's favourite dancefloor filler, historian Carl Magnus Palm explains that Abba still have unheard songs.

But friend of the band Carl fears the world will never hear them.

And he insists that members Agnetha Faltskog, Bjorn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson and Frida Lyngstad have no interest in reforming.

Carl, who has known the band for 25 years, told The Sun: "Dancing Queen was one the songs that Abba are most proud of as its sound was so unique at the time they wrote it.

"But the lyrics didn't come until a long time after the melody was formed. They told me that for weeks they sung nonsense words over the chorus. The working title was 'Boogaloo' as they were the words they sung instead of Dancing Queen for a long time.

"I'm not sure it would've been the hit it is today if they had stuck with that. When they eventually found the lyrics and the song was finished, some of the band were reduced to tears, they found it so beautiful."

'Lyrics were gibberish'

On the prospect of them reforming and releasing of new songs, he added: "They seem very firm that they are going to enjoy their retirement and that they'll be no more new music.

"However, I know there are a few songs which have never been heard. They were written for their last album and didn't make the cut.

"They won't even tell people the names of the tracks. I guess while they remain unreleased there is always a chance of new music. It's not impossible but unlikely."

Carl revealed that the famously private Swedish group remain close but rarely socialise together.

And he said they shed tears of joy when they saw their younger selves in hologram form at London's Abba Voyage show.

Carl also said that songwriter Bjorn is working on a new musical with the help of AI and an unnamed "British female artist".

Abba formed in 1972 and went on to become one of the world's biggest acts, selling more than 50million records.

Dancing Queen alone – which was released in August 1976 – has sold more than 4million globally and has two billion downloads on Spotify.

The song was not only voted the UK's favourite Abba hit of all time by Radio 2 listeners in 2024 but was voted the nation's favourite dancefloor song ever.

But Carl, who got close to the band having been a historian and author on their music for 25 years, told how the song could have been so different to the track we all love.

He said: "Abba had a big hit with Waterloo in 1974 but the reality was everything after that for a while had been a flop in the UK and they put great store by what was a success in Britain.

"They wondered whether part of it was down to getting distracted in the songwriting process. So in the summer of 1975 they went to a tiny cabin in the Swedish archipelago island of Viggso near Stockholm.

"Bjorn and Agnetha, who were married at the time, had a property there and they had this small two-bedroom guest cabin with an indoor porch.

"I was lucky enough to be allowed to go there. They set up Benny's piano and two chairs and started to write a melody.

"No one could reach them there, so they could focus. For the first time Bjorn brought an electric guitar and amp instead of his acoustic guitar because he told me he'd been listening to lots of American dance music like Stevie Wonder and George McCrae's Rock Your Baby.

"They then came up with this melody. It was the beginning of Dancing Queen. For ages the lyrics were gibberish – English words with no meaning or cohesion. I heard them. The chorus was simply 'Boogaloo'.

"In the next few weeks they went back to the mainland and laid it all down.

"Benny and their manager wrote the lyrics about this 17-year-old clubbing girl.

"They gave no suggestion it was based on Agnetha and Frida – just a fictitious young clubber. They told me that they got rid of some extra verses, which the fans never heard.

"I'm glad they did as originally the first two lines to the song were going to be 'Baby, baby, you're out of sight. Hey, you're looking all right tonight'.

"They knew people would have hated that so they cut it out.

'Started to cry'

"It was a good job because I doubt it would've been the hit it is today with those as your opening lyrics."

Carl also told about how the band became emotional when the song was finally cut.

He said: "Bjorn and Benny told me there were absolutely ecstatic. They finished it late at night and Bjorn was desperate to play it to someone. Agnetha was asleep at home so he went to his sister's place instead, and they played this tape over and over again.

"Bjorn went home to Frida, who he was married to then, and played it.

"She told me she put the tape in the tape machine, pressed the play button, and she thought it was so beautiful that she started to cry.

"Agnetha has since told me she had chills and the hairs on the back of her neck stood up when she heard it."

The video for the song was recorded in a "matter of hours" on a low budget.

When released, Dancing Queen spent six weeks at No1 in the UK

- 2 BILLION streams
- 4 MILLION sales
- No1 in 15 countries
- Abba's only US No1
- Biggest of group's three UK hits with 1.65 million sales
- Ranked No2 on Billboard's list of 500 Best Pop Songs

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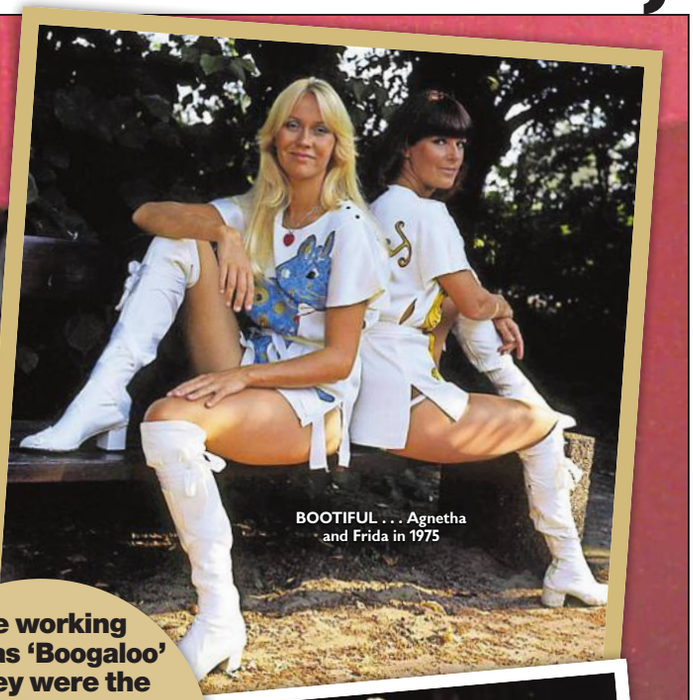

BOOTIFUL . . . Agnetha and Frida in 1975

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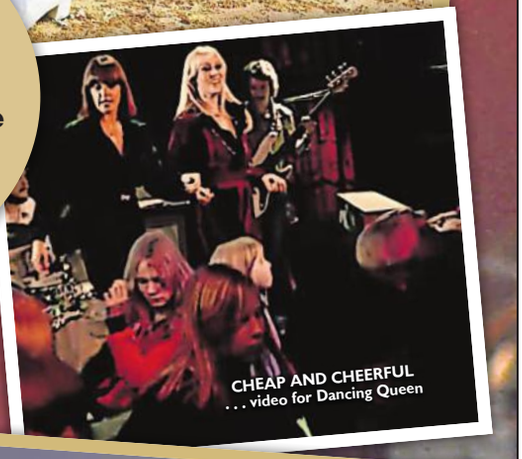

CHEAP AND CHEERFUL . . . video for Dancing Queen

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– QUEEN ELIZABETH II

BACK TOGETHER . . . Bjorn, Agnetha, Frida and Benny in 2020

ROYAL WE CAN BOOGIE . . . Elizabeth liked to tread the dancefloor to Dancing Queen

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rgin Radio DJ Chris Evans once lled performing a DJ set at a ate royal party.

hen Dancing Queen was played, Queen reportedly remarked to her ts: "I always try to dance when song comes on because I am the en and I like to dance".

rl added that the band were moved by having the late Queen as a fan, saying: "They were all very touched."

However, Bjorn told him that he was "puzzled" by the fact Dancing Queen is seen as a dancefloor song as "he still thinks it's too slow to dance to".

'Out-of-body experience'

In 1979, Bjorn and Agnetha split and two years later Frida and Benny did the same. It saw the band go on an indefinite hiatus.

But in 2021, they returned with new material and album Voyage.

A year later, interactive experience Abba Voyage opened in London – showing the band as holograms from their pomp. Carl added: "They loved Abba Voyage and they went to the opening. Bjorn told me it was like watching a band he used to know from decades ago.

"He said it was like an out-of-body experience.

"There were tears of happiness when they saw it, definitely."

Carl, who first got to know the band when they worked with him to release his 2001 book Bright Lights Dark Shadows: The Definitive Biography Of Abba, said that the likelihood of there being any reunion is very slim.

Carl added: "They are winding down now.

"They like their privacy. They have grandchildren. They are in their 70s and 80s.

"The chance of a reunion is very slim I think. But it's not impossible. There are still the songs that didn't make it on Voyage, but they are showing no signs of wanting anyone to know what they are.

"They are still close but they don't really socialise. They are all living very low-key lives.

"It is only Bjorn who is working. He is working on a musical – using the help of AI – with a British female singer, whose name they have not told me.

"One thing I know for sure is that when they recorded Dancing Queen on that tiny porch they would never have dreamed it would still be as relevant and popular today – 50 years on."

●**Bright Lights Dark Shadows: The Definitive Biography Of Abba by Carl Magnus Palm is available now.**

Fab DAILY

Edited by SARAH BARNS and JOEL COOPER

BLUE HUE PERFECT FOR YOU

COOLING shade cobalt blue dominated many of fashion's Spring/Summer runways, from Loewe and Celine to Victoria Beckham. Today stylist EMILY REGAN rounds up top high-street buys to help you tap in to the trend.

DISTRAUGHT . . . Rebecca and David, who had their last years with David's nan Joan stolen from them

EXCLUSIVE by ANNA ROBERTS

IT'S a story so wicked it could make a Netflix true-crime drama.

When Pamela Gwinnett befriended dementia-stricken Joan Green, 89, she gradually convinced the vulnerable pensioner that her own family neither wanted nor loved her.

Her sinister manipulation was part of a cruel plan to steal £300,000 from the wealthy widow, which she used to pay off her mortgage and treat herself to Botox, lavish meals and a £22,500 car.

Last week, Gwinnett, 63, was jailed for six years and two months after being extradited from Tenerife, where she had fled following her arrest in 2025.

She was convicted of theft and fraud by abuse of position.

Rebecca Bolton, 37, who is married to Joan's grandson David, says: "The Black Widow of Tenerife has finally got her comeuppance.

"Of course it won't bring Joan back, but it is pleasing to know that she's no longer living it up in the sun in Tenerife. She won't be having Botox in jail."

Gwinnett's campaign began in 2019, shortly after Joan's husband Stan died aged 90.

In fact, it was at Stan's funeral that Joan's family, including her stepdaughter Katherine Farrimond, 66, and grandson David, 42, met Gwinnett for the first time.

David recalls watching her throw flowers on to Stan's coffin, wondering who she was, and later being told that she was the elderly couple's "new friend who they'd met shopping at Morrisons".

At that point, he says, he wasn't unduly worried.

'We were horrified'

"Nan was stubborn," he explains. "She needed carers, but wouldn't have them and would turn them away. We were focused on that."

However, during Covid, when Joan started to deteriorate, and it was clear she needed round-the-clock care, Gwinnett stepped up her campaign.

She moved Joan out of her home in Chorley, Lancs, and into a care home close to her own home in Adlington.

"We were surprised when Nan said, 'Pamela sorted it'," says David.

"It made us uncomfortable, especially as [*the care home*] was opposite her own home and I couldn't work out why she'd done it.

"But Nan settled in really well there so we left it."

The family continued to visit Joan regularly, but then Katherine, a civil servant, received the news that Gwinnett had been appointed joint power of attorney alongside her.

"We were horrified," says David. "We didn't know why this woman Nan barely knew was getting so much influence."

However, Gwinnett wasn't content with sharing the power of attorney – which allows someone to make decision's on a vulnerable person's behalf.

So she made a bogus claim to social services and her local MP, Sir Lindsay Hoyle, alleging that Katherine and David were stealing Joan's pension, had pinched cash and were neglecting her, which led to them being temporarily banned from seeing her.

"We couldn't believe it when the call came that they were being investigated," Rebecca, a tax adviser, says. "It was complete nonsense, and everyone was really upset. It impacted everyone's mental health. We all loved Joan so much."

'She told one carer that David threatened to kill Joan so we weren't allowed in. Joan would ask why we didn't come to see her any more. It made us want to cry'

Weeks later, Katherine received a letter saying she no longer had any power of attorney – and all decisions were with Gwinnett.

"Our fears were mounting that Joan was being taken advantage of," Rebecca says. "We tried to visit her but were refused, with the care home saying: 'The power of attorney doesn't allow it'.

"She also sacked a gardener who had worked at Joan's home for years and was a friend to her and Stan – and employed her own people."

As Covid lockdown restrictions were lifted, Gwinnett moved Joan back to her home in Chorley – but put a ring of steel around her, including padlocking the gates and changing the landline number. Carers who visited the house were told in no uncertain terms that if Joan's family turned up, to refuse them entry.

Rebecca says: "She even told one carer that David had threatened to kill Joan, which was why we weren't allowed in.

"Joan would ask why we didn't come and see her any more. That made us want to cry."

'Left in own faeces'

The family made repeated attempts to contact Joan during this period, turning up at the house and trying to call her. However, Gwinnett thwarted them at every turn.

But, in June 2021, things came to a head. David received a hushed phone call from one of Joan's carers who was concerned about Gwinnett's treatment of her.

"She told us in a whisper that Pam-

A con artist wormed her way into pensioner Joan Green's life, isolated her from her family and stole her savings. Then a secret phone call exposed everything...

HAPPY MEMORIES . . . David with his nan Joan

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STRANGER TOLD NAN WE DIDN'T LOVE HER ...THEN FLEECED HER OF £300k

HEARTLESS . . . Gwinnett, who was arrested after landing at Manchester airport, *above*

ela was meant to be caring for Joan for two hours a day but wasn't," Rebecca says.

"On one occasion Joan had been left in her own faeces. On another occasion Pamela barked at her.

"The carer was disgusted, but also very frightened as she was being bullied and intimidated by Pamela."

It was then that the family came up with a plan to visit Joan on the carer's last day.

When Gwinnett arrived at Joan's house, she was enraged that the carer had allowed the family in.

"She berated us," says David. "Her face was contorted in rage. She said to Nan, 'He's got lying eyes, Joan'. But I had the foresight to start filming her."

The shocking footage shows Gwinnett being confronted by Joan's family, but she denied wrongdoing. The family then left when Joan became distressed and confused. In 2022, after viewing the footage, the Court of Protection deemed Joan no longer had capacity, and Gwinnett's power of attorney was suspended.

However, this did not stop Gwinnett from stealing from Joan.

Five months later, she opened a joint account in their names and transferred £119,000 of Joan's cash into it, in addition to money she had already taken over the previous period.

"We later learnt she used that money to pay off her mortgage, have posh meals and pay for tweakments," says Rebecca.

"Joan and Stan were careful people and worked hard all their lives. It's disgusting that this happened."

Sadly, in November 2022, Joan died in a care home following complications after a stroke, just 11 days short of her 90th birthday.

"We loved her so much and hope she knew that," says David.

"She was very strong-minded and family orientated. I used to go for meals just with her, and I need to remember that – not just what happened at the end."

So little remorse

After Joan's death, Katherine became executor of her will and gained access to her bank statements.

It was then that the true extent of Gwinnett's deceit and betrayal was discovered.

Gwinnett was arrested on suspicion of theft and fraud, but was released on bail as police enquiries continued.

However, she fled the country to Tenerife in April 2025. In October that year, a trial was held at Preston Crown Court in her absence, where she was convicted.

Judge Michael Maher told the court that Gwinnett "inveigled [*her*] way into [*Joan and Stan's*] lives behind the charade that she was a benevolent friend."

It eventually took 16 months and the efforts of Greater Manchester Police, Sir Lindsay – the very MP that Gwinnett originally tried to trick into thinking Joan was being abused by her own family – and Spanish authorities to extradite her via a Trade and Co-operation Agreement (TCA).

Two weeks after her arrest in Tenerife, Gwinnett arrived at Manchester Airport clad in leopard print and with her hair in plaits, where she was re-arrested and detained.

Rebecca says: "It's disgusting. She didn't look in the least sorry for her actions. She even appears to be wearing designer sunglasses."

For Joan's family, the sight of Gwinnett showing so little remorse was all the more painful.

"It's absolutely sickening that someone could do this to an elderly woman with severe dementia," David says.

"People only started listening at the end, but by that time we'd lost so much time with her.

"I only hope she didn't realise that her 'friend' was actually her worst enemy."

dear deidre

No matter what the issue, I answer every single problem

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Happy as a cuckold but am I abnormal?

Dear Deidre

SINCE my wife had an affair, I've revelled in hearing the details of her infidelity.

I've realised I love being submissive sexually, but I'm worried this makes me weird – if not abnormal.

My wife and I are in our mid-forties and have been together for 20 years.

Five years ago, she cheated on me. It nearly broke us, but we worked through the hurt and rebuilt our marriage.

What I didn't expect was to get a thrill from hearing all about her affair with her then colleague.

When she told me the details, I felt excited and aroused.

I didn't dare tell her at first, but then we rowed about all my questions – which she thought were making things worse – so I admitted that hearing her answers was a turn-on.

I started asking her to talk about it when we were intimate. She found it difficult at first, but when she saw the effect it had on me, she soon got into it – describing what they'd got up to in bed and how she'd felt.

Soon, I asked her if she could become totally dominant in the bedroom.

I loved handing over control to her, being treated like her sex slave and pleasing her, not myself. We started watching kinky porn together and I asked if she'd use sex toys on me and let me wear her lingerie.

In "normal" everyday life I'm a successful businessman in charge of a team of people, so it felt good to be vulnerable.

Last year, I said I'd like to take things further and asked if she would like to sleep with other men.

She admitted she would and she even had someone in mind.

I loved the anticipation while she was out and the stories she told me afterwards. Weirdly, it made me feel closer to her. But now I struggle to get aroused unless I'm hearing about her past experiences or imagining her with someone else.

I'm not unhappy. I love being submissive – but I'm worried this is bad for our relationship.

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: While you have taken this further than most couples, consensual power exchange is not uncommon in sexual relationships.**

Enjoying being dominated and humiliated by your wife has a name – it's called cuckolding.

Perhaps the fact you have to be in control in your working life is what makes surrendering so appealing.

As long as you and your wife both enjoy doing this, and nobody is getting hurt in the process, there's no harm in continuing.

Keep on communicating about it and never ask each other to do anything you don't feel comfortable with. You might find it helpful to read my support pack, Fetish Worries.

HERE TO HELP YOU

IF YOU are worried about anything please get in touch with my team of counsellors and we will do our best to help you. Every email receives a personal response.

deardeidre@the-sun.co.uk

Dear Deidre

MY brother left our front door unlocked while he napped – and I'm furious.

He's so irresponsible and I'm sick of being the only adult in the family.

I'm 30 and my brother, who is 27, is also my lodger. I was at work so had no idea until I came home and found it unlocked.

We live in a dodgy area with lots of crime and antisocial behaviour, and there have been several break-ins recently in neighbouring flats.

He was fast asleep – even though he was supposed to be "working from home" – and wouldn't have heard anything. Anyone could have walked in and taken our stuff.

I confronted him, but he said I was being ridiculous and should chill. That made me even more annoyed!

I'm still angry about it and it's created a real atmosphere at home. He's not talking to me now.

But it's not a one-off, he's always doing stuff like this.

How can I get him to take our security seriously and stop acting like a child?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: It sounds like this incident is just one of many that have left you feeling angry and frustrated with your younger brother.**

It's common for the eldest child to become "the responsible one" while the younger one is babied – it's probably how it's always been in your family, so he's never had to try.

If you want to talk to him about this again without making him defensive, read my support pack, Standing Up For Yourself.

Make it clear he needs to make more effort so you can both enjoy a happier home life. Perhaps put a sign by the door reminding him to lock it.

THANK YOU FOR...

HELPING ME BUILD BRIDGES WITH MUM

Dear Deidre

WHEN I wrote to you, I was at my wit's end with my mum.

She still treated me like the difficult teenager I was decades ago and it was making my life miserable. I'm now in my early forties and she's 70.

I had accepted that I made mistakes when I was younger, but I'd worked hard to change my life. However, to Mum, that didn't count.

Everything I did seemed to be wrong in her eyes.

She said I'd caused her nothing but heartbreak and that the only time I ever got in touch was when I wanted something, which just wasn't true.

My attempt to make peace by visiting with birthday gifts ended with her saying I wanted her to die and refusing the presents. Your advice helped me understand this wasn't my fault. Mum was taking her frustrations out on me.

You suggested creating some distance and said if I needed to talk, I could contact Coram Family Lives (0808 800 2222, coramfamilylives.org.uk).

I followed your advice and stopped trying to fix everything in one conversation. I gave us both space and focused on creating boundaries.

We've begun talking again and we are now slowly rebuilding our relationship. It isn't perfect, but there is more understanding on both sides. Thank you for your support.

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: I'm pleased to hear you and your mum are rebuilding your relationship in a healthier way.**

HUBBY'S FRIENDSHIP WITH PRETTY CLIENT IS A WORRY

Dear Deidre

MY partner's closeness to one of his clients is starting to trouble me.

He says I'm being paranoid – I was cheated on in the past – but I can't ignore my gut feeling that something is going on.

I'm 48 and he's 53. We've both been married before and mine ended when my ex had an affair. It had a terrible effect on my confidence and made it hard for me to trust, which my partner knows.

He's a lovely guy – kind and caring, and I've never had reason to doubt him.

But recently, he has been working at a neighbour's house, as he is a bathroom fitter, and I'm feeling jittery.

I've noticed he mentions the woman's name constantly. And he has clearly been chatting to her about our relationship because the other day he came home and said, "Mrs X knows a lovely place we could book for a romantic weekend".

That felt too personal. He also brought her into our house to show her our new towel rail, when he could have shown her a picture on his phone. I've asked him directly if something is going on. He denied it and got very defensive.

I don't think he's cheating, but she's an attractive woman and he hasn't behaved like this with other clients. Am I being ridiculous or has he crossed a boundary?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: Your past experience explains why this has rattled you, but it doesn't automatically mean that your instincts are right.**

Talking to a client about your life together and inviting her to your home does blur professional boundaries, so I can see why you feel uncomfortable with your partner's behaviour.

But his defensiveness doesn't mean he is cheating. He could just feel frustrated at being accused.

Talk to him again. Instead of accusing him, explain how this is affecting you and tell him what would help you feel more secure. You can also agree boundaries together for reassurance.

My support pack, Looking After Your Relationship, should help you both to communicate better.

TEENAGE TROUBLES

Dear Deidre

I'M worried about my dad, who is acting weirdly.

He and Mum are arguing all the time because he's got involved in a cryptocurrency scheme and now he's trying to recruit his best friend.

I'm a lad of 15. My parents are in their forties. Dad has been buying his friend gifts and taking him out for meals to persuade him to invest.

This behaviour is so unlike Dad. I'm scared he's being manipulated. How can I help? What should I do?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: Don't try to deal with this alone. Talk to your mum about how worried you are, and you can both try to get through to your dad.**

The Financial Conduct Authority (fca.org.uk) has information on crypto-currency scams that you can show him.

For support, contact The Mix (themix.org.uk) which offers free advice and counselling to under-25s.

hot topic

IF you constantly put yourself down, struggle to accept compliments or feel you're not good enough, low self-esteem could be holding you back. Over time, negative thoughts can affect your confidence, relationships and overall happiness.

If you're struggling with persistent negative feelings about yourself, my support pack, Raising Self-esteem, can help.

GET IN TOUCH

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3	1	4	7	2	5	6	9	8

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SUNDIAL

See how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word.

You can make at least one word using all of them.

Don't use the letters more than once in any word.

No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary.

BRILLIANT: **37**
EXCELLENT: **31** GOOD: **23**
GREAT SCORE FOR KIDS: **18**

YESTERDAY: Cling, cloning, cluing, coif, coil, coin, cuing, filo, fino, fling, foil, fouling, icon, info, ling, lingo, lino, lion, logic, loin, nuncio, uncoil, union, FLOUNCING.

Check today's answers by calling 0905 757 0155 before midnight. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your phone company's network access charge.

WIN! £50 WORDSEARCH

There are 16 poets listed below, but which one isn't in the grid?

G	B	E	T	J	E	M	A	N	J
N	O	I	T	O	M	N	R	D	R
N	I	U	R	I	I	H	A	G	M
O	P	D	R	K	U	A	I	O	W
R	L	T	R	G	E	A	H	B	I
Y	R	A	H	U	R	T	I	S	L
B	L	E	Y	E	A	T	S	O	D
A	S	A	T	L	E	E	D	L	E
Y	U	R	P	G	P	N	M	I	N
K	E	D	A	P	S	N	E	S	O
E	T	L	E	E	E	Y	R	W	I
A	L	H	L	N	K	S	U	A	O
T	N	I	S	E	A	O	E	O	D
S	O	R	T	I	H	N	A	B	E
T	L	G	N	M	S	S	S	O	R

AUDEN
BETJEMAN
BYRON
ELIOT
HUGHES
KEATS
LARKIN
MOTION
OWEN
PLATH
SHAKESPEARE
SHELLEY
TENNYSON
WILDE
WORDSWORTH
YEATS

How to enter for a chance at the £50 prize: See Puzzle Page 3

MINDBENDER

A list of places in a guide to North Yorkshire has been torn in two. Can you put the ten words back together to form the names of five towns or cities?

BOROUGH	BY
CAR	GATE
HARRO	RED
SCAR	SKIP
TON	WHIT

Answer tomorrow.

PATHFINDER

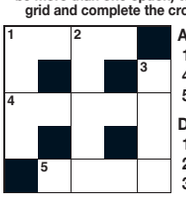
Beginning with the letter S in the shaded square below, follow a continuous path through the grid to find the 16 desert animals. The trail passes through each and every letter once, and may twist up, down or sideways, but never diagonally.

T	S	N	O	M	A	L	I	G	X	O
E	R	A	G	E	R	F	E	E	C	F
A	G	N	C	O	R	P	N	N	A	C
Z	E	O	S	M	A	I	O	N	J	K
L	L	X	L	E	C	K	N	I	A	R
E	R	Y	T	H	O	Y	S	K	B	B
J	O	D	Y	N	R	R	T	T	A	I
E	L	E	R	O	D	A	L	E	R	T
R	I	V	D	M	E	O	G	S	N	T
B	C	O	R	E	H	P	E	K	A	A
O	A	Y	O	T	E	M	E	E	R	K

CAMEL
COYOTE
DROMEDARY
FENNEC FOX
GAZELLE
GILA MONSTER
GOPHER
JACKRABBIT
JERBOA
MEERKAT
ONAGER
ORYX
RATTLESNAKE
SCORPION
SKINK
THORNY DEVIL

ANAGRAM

Correctly solve the anagrams (there may be more than one option) to fill in the grid and complete the crossword.



ACROSS
1 HUBS
4 GRIPS
5 GEED

DOWN
1 STUB
2 HERDS
3 GORE

Calls for extra clues and answers last no longer than two minutes (Sundial answers may vary). Helpline: 0333 202 3390 (9am-5.30pm). Service provider: Spoke, W1T 4HD

the BIG quizword

ACROSS

1 Geographical region that includes Togo (4,6)
6 Ship's front spar (8)
12 European river flowing into the Mediterranean (5)
13 Shoulder blade (7)
14 Actress Ms MacDowell (5)
15 Engine's piston-housing (8)
16 Area of London's East End (4,2,4)
18 Lebanese capital (6)
20 Country whose Latin name is Hibernia (7)
22 Actor brother of Beau Bridges (4)
25 Grandpa Simpson's first name (3)
26 Surname of French chef Raymond (5)
27 Another name for Chicago (5,4)
29 Ms Swiatek, Polish tennis player (3)
30 Have I Got News For You panellist (3,6)
31 Saturn's largest moon (5)
32 First name of Runaway singer Mr Shannon (3)
34 France's 'Little Sparrow' (4)
36 UK music trend of the 1990s (7)
37 Correct manner of addressing a judge (2,4)
40 Normal pattern, in verbs (10)
42 Country which has two states on the island of Borneo (8)
45 First name shared by actresses Burstyn and Barkin (5)
46 Troll characters created by Tove Jansson (7)
47 Bruce Willis' middle daughter (5)
49 Poet Laureate 1850-92 (8)
50 Medical system of treating like with like (10)

DOWN

1 Edwin Starr's biggest UK hit (3)
2 Person acting as a decoy (5,6)
3 Organisation of tropical nations (inits)(5)
4 Rough-skinned variety of apple (6)
5 Dave's Cockney partner (4)
7 Chicago international airport (5)
8 Location of Fingal's Cave (6)
9 Labour Party's emblem (3,4)
10 African disease-carrying insect (6,3)
11 Tenor born in Lancashire in 1966 (7,6)
15 Highly venomous hooded snake (5)
17 Any form of water that falls to the earth's surface (13)
19 Italian region south-east of Tuscany (6)
21 Highest number in the game of bingo (6)
23 Austrian composer of the Resurrection Symphony (6)
24 Capital of New South Wales (6)
28 Squash, eg (6,5)
30 Verb's continual past tense (9)
33 One of the Bennet sisters in Pride And Prejudice (5)
35 Resident of Luanda (7)
38 Surname of Tom, author who created Jack Ryan (6)
39 Canine film star (6)
41 Shakespearean lover (5)
43 Ancient Greek fable writer (5)
44 First name of the Godfather Mr Corleone (4)
48 Longest river in Scotland (3)

ANSWERS TOMORROW

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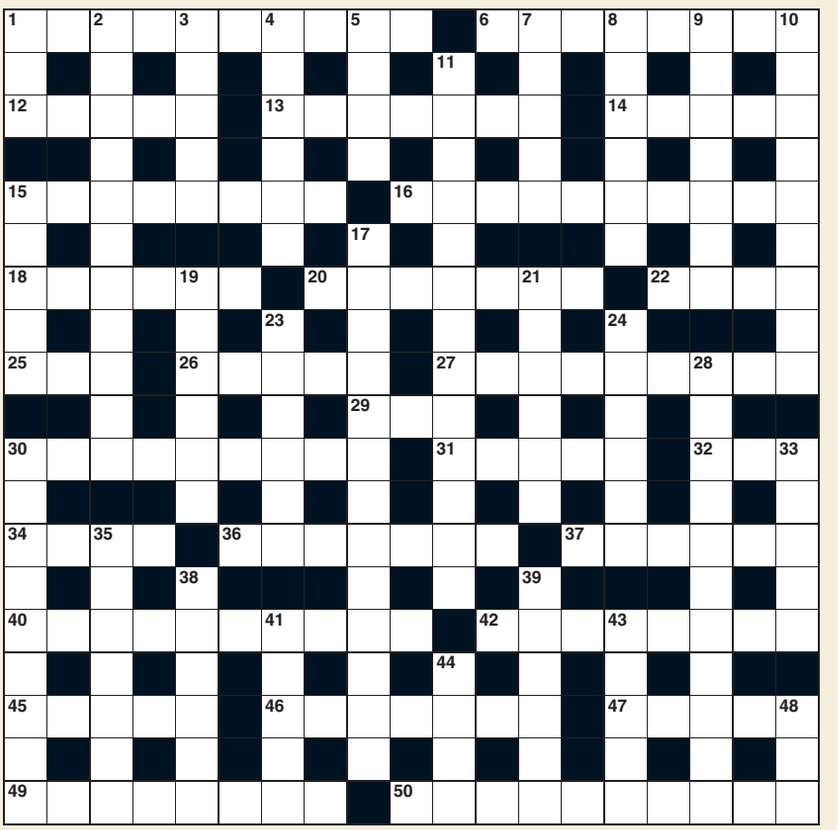

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crossword

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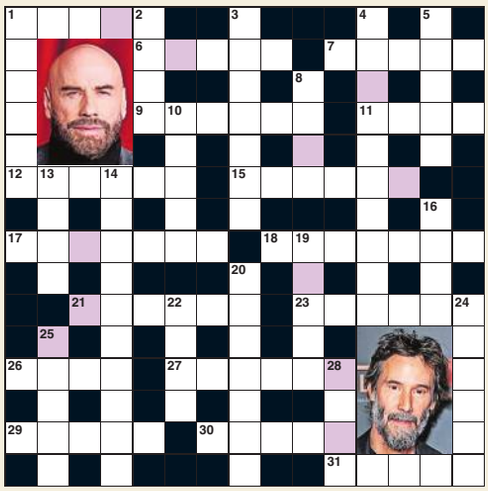
Complete the clues below and rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out an actress (3,8).



ACROSS

1 Broken ___, 1996 film starring John Travolta (5)
6 Surname of Oscar, Beef star (5)
7 ___ Simon, You're So Vain singer (5)
9 Ben Kingsley Oscar-winning movie (6)
11 First name of Irish comedian Mr Ó Briain (4)
12 Fictional friendly ghost (6)
15 Harriet ___, EastEnders actress (6)
17 Sir Ian McKellen's Lord Of The Rings role (7)
18 Total ___ Of The Heart, hit by the late Bonnie Tyler (7)
21 ___ Miller, actress (6)
23 Tracey ___, comedian and actress (6)
26 Simon ___, Mission: Impossible actor (4)
27 ___ Wonder, 1980s band fronted by Patsy Kensit (6)
29 Surname of Simon, Duran Duran vocalist (2,3)
30 The Matrix star Mr Reeves (5)
31 ___ Moore, James Bond in Live And Let Die (5)

DOWN

1 1980 Blondie song (6)
2 Kristen ___, Bridesmaids star (4)
3 Time ___, 1981 fantasy adventure film (7)
4 Actress who played Yasmin Khan in Doctor Who (6,4)
5 ___ Balding, TV presenter (5)
8 ___ Coppola, Strictly dancer (4)
10 ___ In Paris, Doris Day film (5)
13 ___ Shearer, football pundit (4)
14 Bear in a duffel coat! (10)
16 La ___ Bonita, Madonna hit (4)
19 The ___ Of Monte Cristo, novel and film (5)
20 TV detective played by Michael Gambon and Rowan Atkinson (7)
22 Liam Gallagher's brother (4)
24 Second-most capped player in Brazil's men's football (6)
25 The ___ In The Crown, classic 1984 drama series (5)
28 Hancock's Half ___, vintage British comedy (4)

SUNRISER

Place these words in the horizontal rows so that the letters in the diagonal staircase spell out another classic sitcom character.

DEL BOY
FRASIER
MANUEL
MARGO
RIGSBY
RODNEY
TOM GOOD

THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a musician:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

3	Lamine, 19-year-old Spanish footballer widely regarded as the world's best young player
6 & 2	Ms Goldberg, actress and comedienne who starred in Sister Act (third and fourth letters of name)
7 & 1	The creator of One Foot In The Grave and Jonathan Creek
5	Mr Nash, American humorist poet known for his light verse and unconventional rhyming schemes
4	Johnny, American Olympic swimmer who later played Tarzan in twelve films

Yesterday: Singer/songwriter JAKE BUGG (James (Trafford), Jess Glynne, Jung (Chang), Katie (Piper), Busta (Rhymes)).
Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.
If you can't wait until tomorrow for the answers, call 0901 293 6298. Calls cost £1 plus your phone company's network access charge.

BRAINBOX

Eight dominoes were selected from a standard 6-pip set. Every number but 5 appeared on at least two dominoes; 3 was the only number to appear on more than two, and two dominoes had pip totals of exactly 6. Two doubles were pulled – these were not doubles of odd numbers. The largest difference between two numbers on a single domino was 4, and no domino had an odd pip total higher than 5. Can you deduce which dominoes were chosen?

Solution tomorrow.

SUGURU®

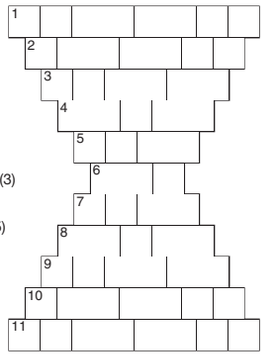
Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally.

	5			
4				2
		4		
4				

BRICKWORK

Answer each clue so that every entry contains the same letters as the previous entry, plus or minus one.

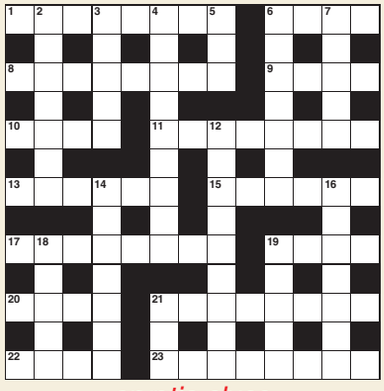
1 Apt, fitting (8)
2 Animal-like (7)
3 Puts forward (a motion) (6)
4 Cry like a sheep (5)
5 Narrative (4)
6 Common drink (3)
7 Friend (4)
8 Kettle vapour (5)
9 Hard shiny materials (6)
10 Most placid (7)
11 Rich, sweet wine (8)



2-speed crossword

coffee time

...two sets of clues but the answers are the same



ACROSS

1 Spanish woman's scarf (8)
6 Shut with great force (4)
8 Advocate of rule by the majority (8)
9 Pack in paper (4)
10 And elsewhere, from Latin (2,2)
11 Islands in danger due to climate change (8)
13 Disease caused by long-term vitamin C deficiency (6)
15 Rubber footwear (6)
17 Masks (8)
19 Underside (4)
20 Dandy (4)
21 Trick into doing something (8)
22 Ancient axe-like tool (4)
23 Common sexually dimorphic bird (8)

DOWN

2 Sterile (7)
3 Mythological Scandinavian monster (5)
4 Dick Whittington, for example (4,5)
5 Do something (3)
6 Merganser (7)
7 Maxim (5)
12 Enact (9)
14 Someone who lives in solitude (7)
16 Keep up (7)
18 Variety (5)
19 Fake (5)
21 Vital juice for plant (3)

cryptic clues

ACROSS

1 Mike, six-footer, sick next to a cloak (8)
6 Criticise religion? Not I (4)
8 Protest Conservative traitor becoming American politician (8)
9 Finish filming type of music for an audience (4)
10 Returning overdue with other people (2,2)
11 Man briefly hunts for pearls in Asian country (8)
13 Result of deficiency of sulphur next to Serpentine (6)
15 My guards walk, essentially, in waterproof shoe (6)
17 Hides old boy's treatments (8)
19 Overheard low voice in operation centre (4)
20 Weapon picked up for boyfriend (4)
21 Son put up with brief welcome in Chinese port (8)
22 Tool found in dead zebra (4)
23 Game is nice when husband takes place of learner (8)

DOWN

2 Decontaminated a doubter caught leaving (7)
3 Republican cutting tax to provoke (5)
4 Royal dorm refurbished for dignitary (4,5)
5 Pretence of feline with head lowered (3)
6 Diver was back with invoice (7)
7 Saying some had agenda (5)
12 Make laws, as member is deceased (9)
14 Hermit left in secure complex (7)
16 Suffer, as issue oddly ignored by Mark (7)
18 Reproduce on boring bed (5)
19 Go in the wrong direction aboard coach? Dummy (5)
21 Father's returned for exhaust (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Scar-f, 4 Cy-clops, 8 Englis-h, 9 Ni-e-ce, 10 Discharge, 11 Net, 12 Sha-ken, 14 Stupor, 17 Irk, 19 Brown-bear, 22 Piano, 23 I-c-eland, 24 Resolv-e, 25 (S)sal-on.
DOWN: 1 S-p-end, 2 August-a, 3 Fa-i-t-h, 4 Co-ho-r-t, 5 Conce-(r)p-t, 6 Ocean, 7 Shelter, 12 Slipper, 13 E-m-broil, 15 Prevail, 16 Po-lit-e, 18 Keats, 20 Needs (kneads), 21 Ra-do-n.

Check today's answers before midnight by calling 0905 757 0150 for Across and 0905 757 0151 for Down. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your phone company's network access charge.

INITIALS

If SR is Susanna Reid, who are these Good Morning Britain presenters and reporters?

1. RA
2. ML
3. RM
4. AP
5. EB
6. CH

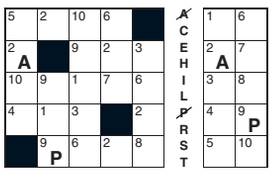
UNSCRAMBLE

Unscramble these anagrams to spell out six Peppa Pig characters.

1. GLAM EEL AMAZED
2. TRACE BABE CRIB
3. DOFF DRY EX
4. DROOPY PEN
5. DODGY NAN
6. MEATY HELPLINE

MINI CODE

Ten letters have been given a number from 1 to 10. Break the code to complete the crossword.



A C E H I L P R S T

PIECEWORD

With the help of the Across clues only, can you fit the pieces into their correct positions in the grid? See next page for solution.

ACROSS

1 Wandering
2 Ornamental mat
3 Shine
4 Travel to work
5 Against the current
6 Tended, looked after
7 Irritate, worry
8 Made (holes) in
9 Process of liquid diffusion in plants
10 Musical composition for singers
11 Non-solid
12 Willingly

WORD WORKOUT

The world's best brain-teaser – The Sun's clueless crossword. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 4 is the letter A, write A in all the squares with a 4. The whole alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. Answers tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:
ACROSS: Tureen, Eyed, Curb, Influx, Objectively, Salmon, Spry, Week, Loofah.
DOWN: Tutu, Pebble, Unwittingly, Serf, Sequel, Brazen, Vision, Make, Roam.

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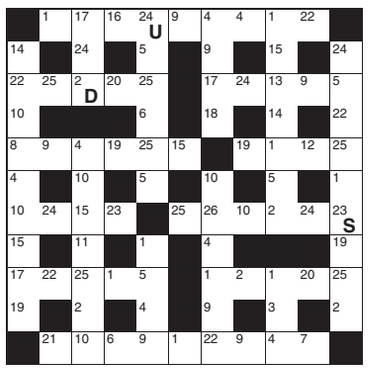

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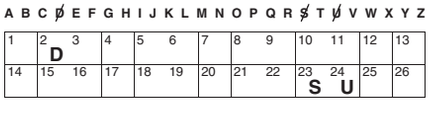

CASH TO BE WON!

ARROWORD

WIN! £50

Complete the puzzle and rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out a British Hollywood star (3,7).

- Common knee injury site (inits)
- We agree! (4,4)
- Arctic home
- Noughts
- Long narrow S American country
- Human limb
- __ Cram, sports commentator
- Freshly made
- Too
- Habitual procedure
- Pair
- Domed shelters
- Style of poem
- Resounds
- Aromas
- Upper wall ends
- Self-right-eously
- Hi-fi unit
- Passports, eg
- Vapours
- Little __, lettuce variety
- Provide with a weapon
- Visualises
- Surname of pictured star
- Receding tide
- Manipulate
- Light beer
- Makes enquiries
- Tell porkies!
- Surname of 1950s singer Peggy
- Authority (3-2)

KRISS KROSS

Fit the words into the grid.

3 letters
HOE
NIL
NUN
TEE
WHO

4 letters
CHUM
DANE

5 letters
ECLAT
LAGER
LARVA
LUCID
MEDIC
MUSIC
PRIZE
VOWEL

6 letters
SECRET
VESTRY

7 letters
CONVENE
PITHEAD
SLOGGER
SPINNER

9 letters
REPORTAGE
TIMEPIECE

MINIDOKU

Using only the numbers 1-4, fill the empty spaces so every row, column and smaller 2x2 grid contains the numbers 1 to 4.

	3	1	2
	1	3	4

	4	2	
2			
			1
	1	4	

Solutions

Pieceword

Minidoku

Mini Code

Kriss Kross

Brickwork
1 Suitable 2 Bestial 3 Tables 4 Bleat 5 Tale 6 Tea 7 Mate 8 Steam 9 Metals 10 Calmest 11 Muscatel

Unscramble
1. Madame Gazelle 2. Rebecca Rabbit 3. Freddy Fox 4. Pedro Pony 5. Danny Dog 6. Emily Elephant

Suguru

Initials
1. Richard Arnold 2. Martin Lewis 3. Richard Madeley 4. Andi Peters 5. Ed Balls 6. Charlotte Hawkins

Pathfinder

Sunriser
Manuel, Rigsby, Del Boy, Rodney, Margo, Frasier, Tom Good – spelling MILDRED.

Anagram
ACROSS: 1 Bush 4 Sprig 5 Edge
DOWN: 1 Bust 2 Shred 3 Ogre

Sekuta
PAGE 2
Top line 541
Middle 792
Bottom 683

TV Mag solutions

Sudoku

3	1	6	4	5	2
2	5	4	1	6	3
4	6	5	2	3	1
1	2	3	5	4	6
5	3	2	6	1	4
6	4	1	3	2	5

Letter Box

A	B	E	T
L	A	V	A
S	N	I	P
O	G	L	E

Word Ladder
POST, PEST, PENT, SENT, SEND.

Add It Up
61

Set Square

6	+	8	×	4
−		−		×
3	+	5	×	2
×		÷		−
9	÷	1	×	7

Futoshiki

4	1	3	5	2
1	5	2	4 >	3
2	4	1	3	5
3	2	5	1	4
5	3	4 >	2 >	1

Sakuro
143
268
795

Prize solutions

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ARIES March 21 – April 20

You're a natural self-starter, but not everyone can steam ahead like you. Diverting creative energy brings results, especially for a young workmate or a child who will flourish with a dose of your can-do spirit. Your love life is all fired up, too. This includes a reconciliation with an ex, or seeing an admirer in a new way.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

Current opportunities are designed to stretch you and teach you. Say yes to the things you'd normally avoid, and you'll be in step with the universe. Then watch how other things get unlocked and flow your way. Great news in the family, or in connection to property, is something to celebrate in style this weekend.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

You invented quick thinking, and this now works in your favour. Whether it's decision-making, new ideas or travel plans, it's all about acting fast on what is obviously the best solution. You and your other half agree when it comes to an expense being worth it. Single? Choose the person who keeps a promise.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

There are positive changes happening with your cash! A golden work opportunity or a loved one's generosity both fit the bill, but it's a top day for lottery or other cash-win games, too. Treat your partner to something you know they'll adore. On the dating scene, the person who's kind to everyone is a catch.

LEO July 23 – August 23

Jolly Jupiter puts you at the front of the queue for good news. What comes to light now has Leo luck written all over it – for today, but also for the future. Discover the joy of boosting your own confidence rather than waiting for someone to do it for you. You're a love magnet when it's clear to everyone you're fun to be with.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

New information leads to new feelings, and you may need to keep these quiet. Going forward, you're right to think twice, even about something that you thought was set in stone. The Moon in your sign says you must choose what's right for you. Your Saturday night is a sparkler, and laughter is the road to romance.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

Listen out for news from a friend or colleague who's making big changes – it gets you thinking. Life is easier when you stop chopping and changing. Making a decision and sticking to it gets the gold star. Your love life blooms when you do things with friends this weekend. The quiet one at a party is a perfect match.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

Do a review of your working week. Whether you've finished on a low or a high, you'll see where real potential lies. Insights into your personal life are illuminating. You prefer to say little or nothing, but Mercury pushes you into that heart-to-heart. Single? Someone at an outdoor event makes you the star attraction.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

This weekend may come with a hunger for something different and exciting, but speak carefully. If your other half has heard it all before, they may fear they're at the top of your boredom list. Try things you both enjoy. Single and searching? You won't have to look far. Spot the warm personality and gold jewellery.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

The time has never been better for positive thinking. Putting yourself down or being negative? Replacing the thought with something positive really can change your day, and your future. A money idea is a gold mine, or you'll be paying off a debt. Choose lottery numbers with a Libra for Saturday night luck.

AQUARIUS January 21 – February 18

Dramas appear to be going on all around you and a partner is full of surprises. If you're splitting up, this is liberation time, even if you can't see that now. If you're getting together with someone new, there's never a dull moment. Your excitable nervous system definitely needs calming. Try meditation or a massage.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

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BAD SPORTS

JD SPORTS will seek to reassure investors its turnaround is on track after boardroom tensions.

Chief executive Regis Schultz will unveil the sportswear giant's second-quarter trading update on Thursday, with shareholders watching closely for signs that sales are improving.

Shares have fallen by about a fifth since Schultz took charge in 2022, despite rising nearly 10 per cent this year. JD has warned annual pre-tax profits could fall from £852million to between £750million and £850million.

SALT-VATION

BRITAIN'S only water desalination plant could be switched on to fight the capital's worsening drought.

THAMES WATER is considering activating the £270million Beckton facility in East London.

It can turn brackish Thames Estuary water into drinking water, potentially supplying around 200,000 homes.

It has never been used during a drought because of technical problems, lengthy maintenance and high energy costs. But bosses say it is now available if needed.

AVIVA IS ON A HOT STREAK

Insurer win despite wildfires

AVIVA has shrugged off insurance claims around recent wildfires to post bumper half-year operating profits of £1.33billion.

money daily

By JAMES FLANDERS
Business Affairs Editor

The figure marks a 24 per cent increase — even though customers in Britain and Canada have been dealing with devastating blazes.

Boss Dame Amanda Blanc expressed her sympathies for affected customers, including two in Stourbridge, but said the issue was not expected to have a material financial impact on the firm.

Aviva's strong performance was driven by a rapid improvement at subsidiary **DIRECT LINE**, as well as price comparison sites helping its profits and sales. Customer service also remains strong.

But its statutory losses halved from £819million to £418million due to hedging losses, integration charges and restructuring costs.

It also trimmed its full-year profit forecast for its health arm by £10million.

CEO Dame Amanda also called for stable pension rules at the next Budget, noting Aviva invests £100billion in Britain and could support infrastructure and regional growth if ministers avoid upheaval.

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Vesuvius	394¼	-	3
Vodafone	121	+	0 ¾
WH Smith	429¼	-	5 ¼

* = ex dividend

ZERO-HOURS 'ARE FAVE'

WORKERS are more likely to apply for zero-hours jobs than fixed-hours, research shows.

The findings by a Government-backed study challenge Labour's planned reforms.

Ads offering zero-hours contracts drew 20 per cent more applicants, the Warwick University study found. And 72 per cent of people on such contracts say they suit their lives.

But critics call zero-hours workers trapped.

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SAVINGS TAX BLOW FOR MORE RETIREES

MORE than two million over-65s could be hit with a tax bill on savings this year, – compared to 517,000 four years ago.

Around 2.1 million retirees are forecast to be sent a tax bill for interest earned on savings, according to a Freedom of Information request submitted to HMRC by Paragon Bank.

This is more than four times the number affected in 2022/23.

People may have to pay tax on savings interest if it exceeds their tax-free allowance.

Basic-rate taxpayers can earn up to £1,000 a year in interest, tax-free. For higher-rate taxpayers the allowance is £500. Additional-rate taxpayers have no allowance at all.

Over-65s are expected to pay £3.34billion in tax on their savings interest this year, up from £795million four years earlier. Older savers now make up almost half of all people who pay tax on their savings.

Andrew Wright, head of savings at Paragon Bank, said: "Millions of older savers are being pulled into the tax net, putting more of their retirement savings at risk."

ADELE COOKE

IMAGINE if you didn't have a health check, visit your dentist or get an MoT for years. Sounds crazy, right?

But checking finances is just as important, and many of us fail to keep on top of our cash.

One in five adults describe themselves as struggling financially, according to financial firm St James's Place, while three in ten say they would not be able to cope with any unexpected money trouble.

HOLLY THOMAS's handy checklist will help keep you on track, whatever your age.

Give your finances a health check in every decade

20s: WORK OUT YOUR BUDGET

HAVE you got a budget? If not, make sure you set one up. Only one in five 18 to 21-year-olds has already done so, according to a survey by Santander.

First, work out what you have coming in each month versus how much you are spending. Take away your essential bills – such as rent, food and council tax – from your income. Any leftover cash is what you can spend on non-essentials, like takeaways and make-up.

Apps can help you stay on track and there are plenty of free ones.

Snoop allows you to view all your accounts in one place and categorise your spending. It also provides a weekly spending report.

Alternatively, try Plum, which can calculate how much you can afford to save every few days and automatically set it aside for you.

Once you nail your budget, start building up your savings. Experts say an emergency fund should cover three to six months' worth of essential bills.

If you are an over-spender, wait 48 hours before buying non-essentials and start putting away small amounts, like £10 a month, into an easy access account.

Currently, the top-paying account is from Lemfi, at 5 per cent, though this drops to 3.04 per cent after six months. Alternatively Cahoot offers 4.52 per cent.

TOP TIP: Open a Lifetime Individual Savings Account (LISA) **NOW** if saving for a house. These are available to 18 to 39-year-olds and you receive a 25 per cent Government bonus – £1 extra for every £4 saved, up to £4,000 a year.

The Government is looking to replace LISAs with the new First Time Buyer Isa (FTB ISA), so experts say open one now with just £1.

If you started saving into a LISA at the age of 20 and tucked away the maximum for 10 years, you would have deposited £40,000 and banked £10,000 in free cash, plus any interest.

30s: THINK ABOUT INVESTING

INVESTING is the best way to make your money work hardest.

However, it should only be used to meet financial goals more than five years away so your money has time to ride out any market downturns.

Based on 5 per cent growth a year, if you put in £10 a month, you could have £680 in five years, having used £600 of your own money, according to AJ Bell.

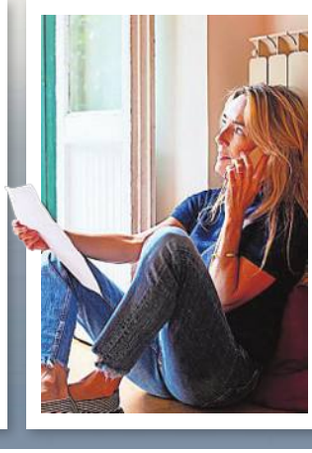
Over 15 years you could turn £1,800 into £2,673.

Use a Stocks and Shares ISA to invest, as you will not have to pay any tax on profits earned. You can save up to £20,000 a year into one.

Investing in a fund – which is like a basket of different investments, including companies, gold and bonds – is better for beginners as it is less risky. But it's always a good idea to review your choices and performance once a year to make sure all is on track.

Starting a family? Use the Junior ISA allowance – up to £9,000 each tax year. AJ Bell says that saving £40 a month from birth could give your child a pot of £14,770 at age 18, based on annual returns of 5 per cent.

TOP TIP: Check your savings rate has not dropped since your 20s. With £5,000 saved, an account paying 2 per cent earns about £100 a year versus about £225 at 4.5 per cent – a difference of £125.



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COUNCILS SLAMMED OVER PARKING FEES

GREEDY councils have been accused of clawing back government discounts by hitting seaside visitors with huge parking charges.

Ministers have slashed VAT from 20 per cent to five on family days out as part of the Great British Summer Savings plan.

But motoring experts have warned some coastal councils are charging drivers almost as much to park as families are saving on their days out. Parking at some seaside car parks now costs up to £30 per day, wiping out the benefit of the VAT cut. The AA said: "Some councils leech these consumers for the money they can get from parking, to compensate for their financial failures.

"The Government must also be miffed by rip-off parking charges grabbing the Great British Summer Savings they have been so keen to promote."

A Government spokesman said: "Councils set their own parking fees, but these should always be fairly priced with any money reinvested into ringfenced areas like parking provision and public transport."

JAMES FLANDERS

EASY TARGETS FOR EVERY AGE GROUP

70s: NEST EGG FOR GRANDKIDS

GRANDPARENTS can invest in Junior ISAs for under-18s, Lifetime ISAs for over-18s or even a Junior Self-Invested Personal Pension (SIPP) to build financial security for grandchildren.

TOP TIP: Be on the lookout for scams. Always be suspicious of unexpected calls or emails, offers that seem too good to be true, pressure to act immediately and requests for unusual payment methods, such as gift cards.

60s: TAKE OUT A FUNERAL PLAN

CONSIDER a funeral plan to take the burden off loved ones.

Costs are fixed at the time of purchase, so price rises will not affect them.

Options start at about £1,600 for a simple cremation and reach almost £5,000, with plans from about £2,600 including a service and procession.

Now is also the time to think about inheritance tax (IHT), charged at 40 per cent on estates worth more than £325,000. HMRC is expected to collect £9.1billion in IHT in 2025/26. You can gift £3,000 per tax year and make any number of gifts below £250 to different people.

Gifts passed on where you live another seven years fall outside your estate for IHT purposes.

TOP TIP: Make sure your will is up to date and consider Powers of Attorney.

40s: REDUCE YOUR DEBT

AS life gets more expensive, start making plans to reduce overall debt.

Paying off a £10,000 personal loan at 5.9 per cent over five years means £1,571 in interest. Pay it off over three years and that falls to £935 – a saving of £636, though monthly payments will be higher.

Do a pension health check. Review how much you have saved and if there is a shortfall, start plugging the gap by increasing contributions to your work scheme or saving extra in a private pension. If you're self-employed it'll be up to you to set up a scheme.

Remember, your pension plan is arguably the most tax-efficient way to save for your future.

TOP TIP: Think about a life insurance plan to provide financial security for dependents.

AT peak earning years, review how much is left on your mortgage and whether you can clear it faster.

Sarah Coles, head of personal finance at AJ Bell, said: "In your 50s, if you face the prospect of having to work for longer than you would like to because you will be paying a mortgage later in life, you can consider paying this down.

"However, if you have a manageable mortgage that's due to be paid off in plenty of time before retirement, it's vital not to neglect your other financial priorities."

Consider downsizing. Moving to a smaller property can reduce outgoings and release capital locked in a large family home, with lower maintenance, energy and council tax costs.

TOP TIP: Check your state pension forecast at gov.uk. The state pension age will increase from 66 to 67 between 2026 and 2028.

50s: REVIEW YOUR MORTGAGE

THIS WEEK...IF YOU *DO JUST ONE THING*

CUT YOUR CAR INSURANCE BILL

YOU could slash £60 off the cost of your car insurance by haggling with your provider over the phone.

Six in ten drivers called their insurer to discuss their policy in the last year, according to consumer group Which?.

Of these, two-thirds were offered a lower insurance premium.

Three in five of those who nabbed a price cut said no changes were made to their policy, suggesting it was a straight discount.

Drivers paying annually reported an average saving of £60 a year, while those who paid monthly got an average discount of £21.

Admiral customers are the most likely to get a discount, with 72 per cent of those who haggled getting a price cut. Meanwhile, two-thirds of Hastings Direct customers who discussed their policy saw a reduction.

Which? Money editor Sam Richardson said: "Insurers factor price negotiations into their premiums so if you're not benefiting from a discount, the unfortunate reality is that you could well be funding someone else's."

Last month, car insurance prices rose for the first time since 2023, according to Confused.com.

It is now £8 more expensive on average than three months ago.

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MONTHS OF STRESS OVER SMART METER

Q BRITISH Gas gave me a new smart meter in April but once it was installed, I could only see my electricity readings and not my gas ones.

I called the company to complain but was told I must wait 28 days for the smart meter to start working properly.

It's been months now, and the device is still broken.

I rang British Gas again but was told an engineer will need to visit my house, though they didn't confirm a date for this.

I'm also disappointed I've not been offered any compensation for the inconvenience.

I'm a pensioner and would like to monitor my gas usage. Is there anything you can do?

DAVID RETTIE, West Lothian

A I get a lot of emails from readers about broken smart meters, despite new rules to protect them.

Under the industry watchdog's rules, you're entitled to £40 compensation if you report a problem with your smart meter and your supplier doesn't come up with a plan to fix it within five working days.

You can also apply for the cash if you need to wait more than six weeks for a new smart meter installation appointment, or if the appointment fails and it's the supplier's fault.

You'd been waiting months for your smart meter to be repaired, so I asked British Gas to investigate your case. It said that your gas smart meter was sending in readings but they weren't showing on your in-home display. The supplier was also not receiving readings from your electricity meter.

British Gas has now resolved the issue remotely, without sending an engineer.

It is receiving readings from both meters and you can see the data on your in-home display.

The supplier has offered you a £100 gesture of goodwill, on top of the £40 compensation you're already entitled to.

You've not been left out of pocket by the issue.

If you have a problem with your smart meter then contact your energy supplier straight away.

If your supplier doesn't resolve your issue within eight weeks, then you can take your case to the Energy Ombudsman for free. It should look into the problem, ask your supplier to resolve it and decide if you are owed compensation.

money maker

LYLE HOPKINS' stomach dropped when debt collectors demanded £1,898 for an energy bill he did not owe.

The Oxford PhD student spent nearly two years fighting supplier SSE, after having problems with his bills since he moved house in 2023.

The property had two energy supplies, including one that had been disconnected, but SSE billed him for the inactive supply at business rates, tripling his bill.

Lyle complained in June 2024, eight months after moving in, and SSE said credit would be applied to his account.

Yet by Christmas that year it claimed he owed £1,898 and referred his case to debt collectors.

Lyle took his case to the Energy Ombudsman, which ruled in his favour in February last year. SSE was ordered to recalculate his bill, disconnect the old supply and pay him £200 compensation.

But in August 2025 eight more bills arrived, including a £1,091 demand for the old supply.

The debt was again referred to collectors, who carried out two hard searches, affecting his credit score. Lyle took his case to the small claims court last month and won. He received £796.

Lyle said: "It was such a relief to think it was finally over."

If you have an issue, complain to your energy supplier and keep records of your bills and meter readings.

If your case is not resolved, complain to the Energy Ombudsman or take your case to small claims court.

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AUGUST is the busiest month for 18 to 24-year-olds heading abroad – and for many it will be their first trip without their parents.

Research from ABTA found 44 per cent of that age group have booked or are considering an overseas holiday this month. Almost half book within four weeks of travelling.

The travel association is urging young holidaymakers to check their passport is valid and take out insurance that covers any activities they plan to do.

They should also tell a parent or trusted friend where they are staying, keep in touch while away and share their location with mates on nights out using an app such as Find My Friends.

See abta.com.

THERE'S how to tick off three countries in one trip without booking extra flights, changing hotels or repacking your case.

The Tui Blue Kalamota Island hotel sits off the coast of Dubrovnik, within day-trip distance of both Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina, *pictured.*

It's an adults-only, all-inclusive spot on a small, car-free island, with regular boat links into the city, and TUI Musement excursions run to both neighbouring countries.

A day out to the Bay of Kotor in Montenegro takes in the old towns of Kotor and Perast, with cobbled streets and waterfront churches, from around £45 per person.

The bay is ringed by mountains dropping straight into the water, and there is time to wander before heading back for dinner.

Trips to Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina, home to a famous stone bridge and colourful market streets, start at about £40pp. Dubrovnik itself is worth a day trip too, with its walled Old Town and the walk around the ramparts.

Hotel experience manager Kelebek Canbulat said: "Guests can wake up on a peaceful island, head out on a TUI Musement experience to Montenegro or Bosnia and Herzegovina, and be back in the evening for dinner by the sea."

See tui.co.uk.

GRAND . . . hotel exterior

MOTTRAM HALL
Cheshire

WHAT'S IT LIKE? The grade II listed building has a modern £15million spa and large gym attached to it, and looks out over an 18-hole championship golf course.

It is rural but easily accessible from Manchester while Wilmslow, on the mainline rail line from London, is just three miles away.

check in... check it out

ROOMS ANY GOOD? We had a suite with the kind of bed you have to reach over to check if someone else is still there in the morning. The room was smart and functional over trendy and gimmicky.

It's peaceful, too. We slept with the window open and even the birds seem to wake up late.

EAT HERE OR EAT OUT? The main Carrington Grill restaurant was packed with hen dos and couples. We had a hearty lunch in the spa so went straight into mains for dinner and tucked into a two steaks along with a bottle of Malbec, finishing with tea and a cheese board.

Wilmslow has lots of restaurants, too. Cibo is a favourite of footballers while Hickory's Smokehouse is more family-orientated.

WHAT ELSE? There's a busy golf course, while in the spa I enjoyed the 20m pool, along with the Jacuzzi, steam room and saunas.

The gym looked well-equipped but I saved myself for a Champneys massage which almost caused me to yelp, but my muscles felt amazing two days later.

SO YOU'D GO BACK? Yes. Mottram Hall represents decent value for money and offers enough facilities to while away a relaxing day.

WHAT'S THE DAMAGE? A tailored spa break including three-course dinner, breakfast and lunch is £560. Room only is £49.50 per person and a spa treatment can be added on for £60. See champneys.com.

RICHARD MORIARTY

LUXURIOUS . . . spa area

RAPPER'S CRACKING CARIBBEAN BOLTHOLE

IN THE PINK . . . San Juan. *Below*, singer Bad Bunny

WATERFALL HIKES . . . in Ciales

ARTY . . . Santurce district

COFFEE TREE-T . . . Alice at FinCafe

Island hop to Bad Bunny's Puerto Rico

PUERTO Rico is known for salsa, pina coladas and street parties.

But following Puerto Rican singer Bad Bunny's performance at the Super Bowl half-time show this year, interest in the Caribbean island – which is a US territory – has surged.

And on my first visit, it didn't take me long to realise what all the fuss was about.

Landing in capital San Juan, I made a beeline for Bad Bunny's favourite neighbourhood, Santurce, a hip and arty spot littered with bright and enormous murals – the biggest of which stretches ten storeys high.

In the day, the streets here are peaceful, with quiet cafes spilling on to the pavement and a well-known elderly man selling flowers to passers-by. Don't let that fool you, though.

The scene completely changes come Friday and Saturday nights, when locals cram into the many bars and party on the streets to live music.

It's a great spot for a boogie and for those who love to let their hair down. But if, like me, you're not much of a party animal, you might prefer the region of Ciales, around 40 miles to the west, which offers sweeping, unspoilt countryside.

Instead of late nights stomping until sunrise, this area is all about early mornings and waterfall hikes.

You'll never struggle to find a decent coffee to fuel those dawn starts, either. After all, Puerto Rico is famous for producing some of the best in the world.

You'll be able to pick up a brew anywhere, with makeshift stalls perched on the side of the road and halfway up mountains.

I even found one suspended from a treehouse. Called FinCafe, it serves its brews with a twist. How does a ginger and cinnamon flat white sound?

FinCafe also offers tours of its plantation across the road. Book with Sofrito Tours (sofritotourspr.com).

Heading even further west, out of the countryside and towards the coastline, I stumbled upon some of the most beautiful seaside spots, including Crash Boat Beach.

Catch a wave

Once a military site (hence the name) this shore is now a gorgeous stretch of white sand bordering clear blue seas. Be prepared to jump off the fishing pier if you visit. It's a cherished tradition here.

If you are keen to have a go at surfing then make your way to Jobos Beach, a few miles along the coast from Crash Boat.

Those who are new to the sport can book a private or group lesson with local group MOKU (mokusurf shop.com).

The staff are incredibly patient. They even pushed my board against the might of the ocean to try and help me catch a wave.

You'll find that all the exertion will build up quite an appetite – and lunch at the surrounding coastal restaurants is the best way to refuel. I became very partial to a Medalla Light beer or an Ocean Lab Mambo, which has a hint of passion fruit and is delightfully fresh after a day of swallowing salty seawater.

Beers can be paired with local snacks such as fried fish, crab fritters and plantain chips.

You can bet your bottom dollar that it will be some of the freshest grub you have tried, too.

Much of the food in Puerto Rico is sourced from the island.

Pa'l Monte, in the small town of Rincon, is the place to head for proper hearty meals. Try traditional mofongo, which is fried and then mashed plantain, topped with prawns, meat or veggies.

If you are more of a cheese fan then Vaca Negra is where to head. You can even have a go at making your own cheese (see vacanegra.com).

After busy days of surfing, exploring and gobbling back delicious food, the comfy beds at El Oasis, a retreat in the hilltops of Aguada, offered great respite.

With nothing but the call of the coqui tree frogs to disturb the peace, this spot felt like living in pure paradise.

And I can't help but feel a little jealous that Bad Bunny gets to call this home.

ALICE PENWILL

GO: PUERTO RICO

GETTING THERE: JetBlue flies from Heathrow to San Juan via New York from £390 each way. See jetblue.com.

STAYING THERE: Palacio Provincial in San Juan has rooms from $429 per night, room only (plus taxes). See www.palacioprovincial.com. Rooms at El Oasis cost from $135 per night, room only (plus taxes). See eloasishotel.com. Rooms at Marriott Isla Verde Beach Resort cost from $399 per night. See marriott.com.

OUT & ABOUT: San Juan & Santurce tour with Patria Tours cost from $51. See patria-tours.com. Beach hopping tours with Marie Adventures start from $95. See mariexadventures.com.

MORE INFO: discoverpuertorico.com.

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OUR Spotlight On column gives you the lowdown on what to see and do in some of your favourite holiday hotspots - as well as some lesser-known gems. This week, our sights are set on Amsterdam, a city that has long been loved by Brits but changes every time we visit.

AMSTERDAM

MUST SEE/DO: Amsterdam has more than 1,200 bridges, and most visitors spend the day walking over them. But you can also go under them – hire a small private boat and tour the city from the water, mooring up for a bite to eat wherever you fancy.

To tick off the main city sights, start at Museumplein, the square behind the Rijksmuseum – the national museum of the Netherlands – then walk on to Vondelpark, which is at its best in late spring and summer when the park is in full bloom.

Its open-air theatre stages free shows through the summer, though it is always worth booking ahead.

HIDDEN GEM: Waterlooplein, the city's oldest flea market, has traded on the same square since 1893 and opens Monday to Saturday. Saturday brings the biggest spread of stalls – think huge brass bells, turquoise jewellery and vintage cowboy boots – and the best odds of finding a new treasure for your wardrobe or home.

BEST VIEW: A short walk from Amsterdam Centraal is OBA Oosterdok – the largest public library in the Netherlands.

Browse the shelves by all means, but the real reason to stop is the seventh-floor terrace, where a small panoramic viewpoint looks south over the city.

Entry is free, and the outdoor terrace opens roughly April to October.

RATED RESTAURANT: Cantine de Caron sits in the old machine building of the Westergasfabriek, near Westerpark, and the raw industrial shell does much of the work.

This is French cooking from TV chef Alain Caron and his sons: bistro classics with a Mediterranean lean, served in a busy, unstuffy room with the chefs at work in an open kitchen at the back.

Dishes are built to play flavours off each other – black garlic espuma, cured egg yolk, feta foam – and the wine list runs through the major French regions. In summer, ask for the terrace facing the park.

BEST BAR: Cafe Twee Prinsen, a few minutes from the Anne Frank House, is one of the best wine bars in the city.

On a sunny day, grab one of the wooden stools outside by the canal and order a few small plates with a bottle or two.

Inside, it is the massive wine collection in glass cabinets that you will notice first.

The wine is obviously the main draw here, but the small plates of cheese, sardines and butter beans in red sauce are the winning underdogs.

HOTEL PICK: Leonardo Hotel Amsterdam Rembrandtpark is a 15-minute tram ride from the centre. Its Floor17 terrace, 85m up, is billed as the tallest rooftop in Amsterdam – a stylish spot for a drink and a look at the skyline. Rooms cost from £93 per night on a room-only basis. See leonardohotels.co.uk.

BARGAINS . . . Waterlooplein market

GREAT WALKS AT TOP BEAUTY SPOTS WITH A

FORGET queuing for a selfie at some overhyped beauty spot.

Two-thirds of us (66 per cent) now reckon chasing viral destinations means missing out on the good stuff.

According to research by cottages.com, more than half (51 per cent) would rather sniff out a hidden gem than tick off a famous hotspot, with the over-55s leading the charge on 69 per cent.

So what does the nation actually want from a break?

A muddy footpath, a big view and a pint waiting at the end of it? Nearly two-thirds of us (61 per cent) say no UK getaway feels complete without visiting a cosy pub.

We know what we want when we get there, too.

Traditional pub grub is top of the wish list (67 per cent), ahead of snug interiors (60 per cent) and a beer garden with an incredible view (60 per cent).

Broadcaster Clare Balding has teamed up with cottages.com and walking charity The Ramblers to launch the Pub Walk Collection, which pairs hand-picked routes with

NORTH WALES

WALK: Start at Conwy Station (LL32 8LD) for a 6.1-mile loop through the lower Conwy Valley, with the castle and river laid out below you. Three hours, two short sharp climbs, and views worth every step.

PUB: The Albion, *right*, is built into Conwy's medieval walls and is arguably one of the finest 1920s pubs left in Britain. Its Art Nouveau interior alone is worth the walk.

STAY: Ty Llewelyn is a two-bed cottage inside those same town walls, metres from the start of the walk and a few steps from the castle. Woodburner on, boots off. Sleeps four. See booking.com.

LAKE DISTRICT

WALK: From Keswick's Moot Hall (CA12 5JR), good paths climb steadily above Walla Crag for spectacular views over Derwentwater before looping home.

PUB: The Pocket, *right*, is a buzzy independent cafe-bar on Lake Road, beloved of hikers straight off the fells. Offers homemade sourdough pizzas and local craft beer.

STAY: Bonnie Cottage sits near the heart of Ambleside, sleeping four, with a courtyard garden and a woodburner for the evening. For details see sykes-cottages.co.uk.

CORNWALL

WALK: The 3.7-mile Boscastle Discovery route starts at the harbour (PL35 0HD) and packs a lot in: dramatic sea cliffs, farmland, quiet lanes to Minster Church, then the gorgeous Valency Valley home.

PUB: The Napoleon Inn, *right*, sits at the top of the old fishing village, a 16th-century charmer with low beams, stone fireplaces and a tiered beer garden with sneaky sea glimpses.

STAY: Greenacres is a proper family blowout, sleeping 15 across six bedrooms with a hot tub and views over the valleys to the sea. See hoseasons.co.uk.

HEIGHT OF FRIENDSHIP . . . pals can enjoy a walk through peaks and countryside

PEAK DISTRICT

WALK: From Bamford Station (S33 0BN), follow an old railway line to the mighty Ladybower Dam, then climb through woodland to craggy Bamford Edge. This walk's around six miles long and has Dark Peak views that show off.

PUB: The Anglers Rest, *right*, is community-owned, hiker-friendly and right in the Hope Valley. It serves hearty home-cooked plates and Derbyshire craft ales.

STAY: Fern Cottage has beamed rooms and valley views stretching to Bamford Edge. Sleeps six, and dogs stay free. For further details see cottages.com.

YORKSHIRE

WALK: Start in Settle's Market Place (BD24 9EJ) for a short, punchy climb to the trig point. Brief, sharp, and the views are spectacular for the effort.

PUB: The Talbot Arms, *right*, is family-run with the biggest beer garden in town. Local real ale and comforting food are welcome after a day on the limestone fells.

STAY: Broughton Sanctuary's Micklethorn is a grand ten-sleeper near Skipton where you are free to roam 3,000 acres of parkland. Visit broughtonsanctuary.co.uk.

SOUTH WALES

WALK: From Limeslade Bay (SA3 4JW), enjoy an easy 4.8-miler along the Gower Coast Path to Langland Bay, then back through Mumbles past Oystermouth Castle and the Victorian pier.

PUB: The Vic, *right*, is an independent boozer in the heart of Mumbles with real ales, craft beers and live acoustic sessions. Proper free-house spirit.

STAY: Bungalow Highfields is a roomy base sleeping six, with sea views, an enclosed garden and salty air from the doorstep. See cottages.com.

My round...trip

PINT OR TWO AT THE END

nearby cottages and cracking local pubs.

Clare said: "A proper pub walk is a much-loved British tradition.

"For me, the perfect route is four to six miles with dramatic scenery, ending at a great local pub. Some of the most memorable parts of a break can come from taking a different turn, chatting to locals and discovering places that aren't on every itinerary."

JACOB LEWIS lists ten destinations that require your walking boots and are worth working up an appetite – and thirst – for.

NORTHUMBERLAND

WALK: A gentle 5.1 miles from Corbridge village car park (NE45 5AX) through the Tyne valley, with lovely views and a wander round the town to finish.

PUB: The Pele, *right*, is a micro bar inside a 14th-century, Grade I-listed, fortified tower in Corbridge. It only serves bar snacks, but a beer by the medieval-style fireplace in this three-storey tower is certainly hard to beat.

STAY: The Studio at Westfield is a Scandi-style bolthole for two near Bellingham, on the edge of Northumberland National Park. For details, see cottages.com.

SCOTTISH BORDERS

WALK: A 7.3-mile circuit from Mill Wynd, Kelso (TD5 7HP), taking in the ruined abbey and the countryside along the River Teviot. Three easy hours in a corner of the country most visitors skip.

PUB: The Cobbles, *right*, is a 19th-century coaching inn just off the town square, now a multi-award-winning gastropub. Outstanding local beef and game, with craft beer to match.

STAY: Liddel Holiday Properties offers a cosy four-sleeper near Kielder with rolling countryside all around and the river close by. See cottages.com.

SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

WALK: One for the keen hiker. This 10.6-mile route climbs out of Pitlochry (PH16 5BL) towards Ben Vrackie, crosses to Killiecrankie and returns along the River Garry. Six hours, and worth every one.

PUB: The Auld Smiddy Inn, *right*, fills a former blacksmith's forge and does modern Scottish cooking properly, with venison, Highland seafood and regional ales by the fire.

STAY: Heathergems Apartment is bang in the middle of Pitlochry, metres from the walk start and steps from Blair Athol Distillery. Sleeps four. See cottages.com.

NORFOLK

WALK: A pleasant country amble from Aldborough (NR11 7NW) taking in three churches and a whopping village common. Big skies, gentle going.

PUB: Cricketers on The Green, *below*, looks out over the pitch where summer cricket is played. Its AA-rosette kitchen turns out monthly-changing dishes built on the freshest Norfolk ingredients.

STAY: Dibley Cottage is a beautifully done Victorian bolthole for four near North Walsham, in a pocket of North Norfolk most visitors drive straight past. For details see cottages.com.

● **The Pub Walk Collection is live now at cottages.com.**

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COAST YOUR WAY TO FREE RIDES

THRILLSEEKERS who can keep a straight face on a coaster could win a year of free rides.

From Sunday – the 40th anniversary of National Rollercoaster Day – until August 23, Merlin will be running the Straight Face Challenge at Thorpe Park, Alton Towers Resort, Chessington World of Adventures and Legoland Windsor.

Riders must buy their official on-ride photo, then share it on social media using #StraightFaceChallenge for the chance to win a Platinum Merlin Annual Pass worth £299.

It may prove harder than it sounds. Research commissioned by Merlin found 69 per cent of us say rollercoasters make us happier, while 47 per cent laugh more on a coaster than watching a comedy film. Pop duo Jedward were the first to try – and fail – to keep a straight face while riding the 81mph Hyperia at Thorpe Park and the 14 loops of The Smiler at Alton Towers.

The twins said: "We are issuing the challenge to everyone in the UK. Rollercoasters are just too joyful."

Day tickets at all four parks start from £34.13, with the Government's Great British Summer Savings scheme cutting VAT on attraction admission until September 1.

Kids under 0.9m tall go free at Chessington, Legoland Windsor and Alton Towers, while they must be under 1.2m to get free entry at Thorpe Park. See merlinannualpass.co.uk/national-rollercoaster-day-competition.

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THE first weekend of September appears to be the smartest time to book a last-minute getaway.

Holiday Extras says five factors line up on the weekend of September 5-6 – and the biggest is the EU's Entry and Exit System.

Border staff have been allowed to ease biometric checks to keep queues moving but that ends on September 6, so travelling before then should mean less time stuck at passport control. Prices drop too, with September fares across the Med 20 to 30 per cent lower than in August – and the crowds clear out.

Also, after a summer of heatwaves, the sea stays warm, at a steady 25C to 27C in Greece, Turkey, Spain and Italy. See holidayextras.com.

GET SMART. . . Zakynthos in Greece

lates

ZANTE: Seven nights' all-inclusive at the 4★ Klelia Beach Hotel is from £889pp including flights from East Midlands on August 26. See jet2holidays.com.

CORNWALL: Four nights' self-catering at Padstow Holiday Village is from £559 in total for arrival on September 7. Accommodation sleeps eight people. For more info, see lovatparks.com.

GRAN CANARIA: Seven nights' self-catering at the 4★ Tui Blue Tres Vidas is from £401pp including flights from Gatwick on September 14. See tui.co.uk.

NORTH YORKSHIRE: Seven nights' self-catering in a four-person Paradise Pod at Paradise Lakeside Lodges is from £445 in total for arrival on September 4. See hoseasons.co.uk.

MONTENEGRO: Four nights' room-only at D&D Apartments, Tivat, is from £358pp including flights from Luton on September 28. See cooptravel.co.uk.

PLENTY OF FEASTS AT HIDDEN MEDITERRANEAN RESORT

TRANQUIL . . . Rocrita resort

ISLAND . . . Spinalonga

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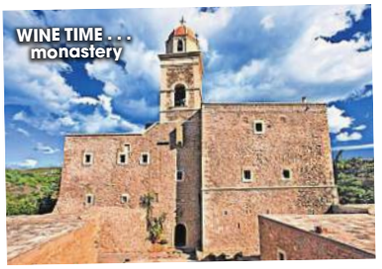
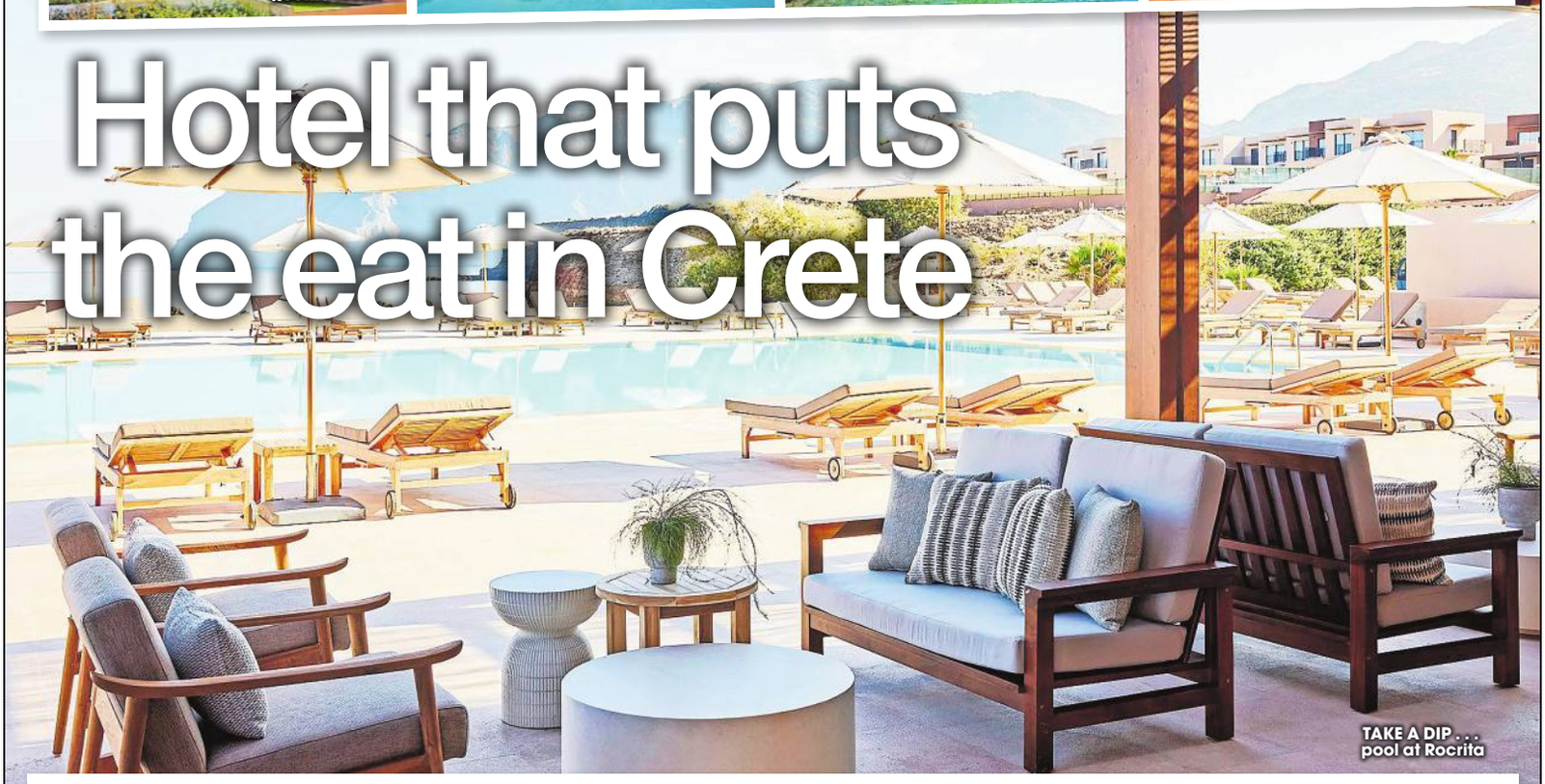


WINE TIME . . . monastery

Hotel that puts the eat in Crete



TAKE A DIP . . . pool at Rocrita

THREE steps. That was all it took to go from my villa's back door to the pool.

Around me, the gentle hum of cicadas and the fragrant breeze of Mediterranean flora filled the air.

It was everything I had imagined rural Greece to be, and more.

While I was on the popular island of Crete, Ella Resorts' Rocrita sits on the quieter, eastern side where many tourists don't venture.

For miles around, the only views are of the shimmering Aegean and a blanket of green olive groves across the rolling hills.

The all-inclusive 5★ resort only opened a few months ago, so everything still had that new feel and fresh scent.

Rooms range from deluxe to two-bedroom suites, many with swim-up pool access.

My earthy-toned villa had a spacious bedroom with customisable lighting, and a plush lounge with stylish sofas, a Nespresso machine, TV and writing desk.

The lounge also had a mini-fridge, restocked daily with complimentary soft drinks. The bathroom had all the essentials plus a few luxuries – think high-end exfoliating loofahs and boujee body lotion.

When you aren't in your swim-up pool, there are other pools across the resort lined with loungers looking out to the ocean.

Sprawled in a cabana by one of the main pools with a spritz, I tucked into a freshly made pistachio tiramisu from the street food hub right next to the pool – just one of many mouthwatering desserts to tempt you.

Guests can also enjoy direct beach access to a quiet stretch of coast, dotted with the comfiest beanbag loungers I've had the pleasure of laying on.

Families are well-served, with a Ninja Warrior-style obstacle course suspended over a pool, a creche and a kids' club.

Couples can head to Roée Spa for a treatment, plus steam rooms and a sauna.

And when it came to dining, I was spoilt for choice with six à la carte and buffet restaurants.

These featured a wide mix of cuisines curated by Michelin-star chefs including traditional Greek dishes as well as Italian and Mexican.

At Smigo, there were cold and warm plates, freshly made bread and locally caught seafood.

It was a feast for the eyes as well as the stomach, with colourful, fragrant ingredients in every dish. The star of the show, though, was definitely breakfast – in fact, it was the biggest I've ever seen.

Spread across four buffet stations, there were all the breakfast items I could think (or dream) of, including semolina pudding, fresh pastries, antipasti, fully cooked breakfast items, pancakes, yoghurt, omelettes, cakes, fresh fruit . . . the list goes on.

Organic wines

Without exaggerating, I ate so much each morning I didn't need to have lunch.

For a tipple, there were four bars, including one stocking 300 local and international wines.

There's enough to do that you needn't leave the resort, but staff can arrange excursions if you want to explore.

Try the historic island of Spinalonga, an hour's drive away.

Once a Venetian fortress, the island later became a leper colony – which was one of the last in Europe, before being abandoned and left as it is, with the same sights on the island there today.

A ferry runs every half hour and costs €12 (£10.44) return.

For something slower-paced, head up into the mountains to the 15th-century Toplou Monastery, where you can taste a flight of eight organic wines including white, rose and red.

To accompany the wines you'll get a plate of cheeses, olives, figs, breadsticks and oil, and a host talking you through how the wine is made and the history of the monastery.

Whether I'd spent the day uncovering the history of a forgotten island or tasting wine in the hills, the best part was always returning to my villa in this untouched corner of Greece, sliding into my swim-up pool with a glass of local wine in hand and floating to the familiar soundtrack of the cicadas.

CYANN FIELDING

GO: CRETE

STAYING THERE: Rooms start from £166 a night. See ellaresorts.com/crete/rocrita-resort.

GETTING THERE: Return flights from London Gatwick to Heraklion, Crete are from £91.50 at easyjet.com.

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£200 OFF DREAM ESCAPE

YOU could bag £200 off holidays to far-flung destinations such as Thailand and the Maldives – but you'll need to be quick.

Travel operator TUI has slashed the cost of long-haul packages departing from November 1 this year all the way through to October 31, next year.

Anyone who books before August 31 can get a discount of up to £200 when they spend £2,000 or more on a break.

Included in the offer is a seven-night getaway to La Romana in the Dominican Republic, staying at the 4★ Bahia Principe Explore La Romana from £1,061pp on an all-inclusive basis.

This price is based on two adults sharing a superior junior suite with garden view and balcony or terrace including flights from Manchester on November 2, plus 20kg luggage per person and transfers.

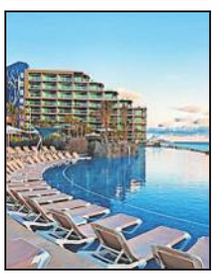
If Mexico sounds more up your street then you can pick up seven nights' all-inclusive at the 5★ Tui Blue El Dorado Seaside Palms from £1,308pp based on two adults sharing a junior suite.

The price includes flights from London Gatwick on November 10 with 25kg luggage per person and transfers.

Fancy a break in Thailand? A seven-night B&B break at the 4★ Duangjitt Resort & Spa is from £1,101pp.

This deal is based on two adults sharing a twin deluxe room with garden view and includes flights from Gatwick on November 27, plus 20kg luggage per person and transfers.

Customers must enter code LH200 at the checkout. See tui.co.uk.



SHUT . . . Cancun hotel

ROCKS' TUNE-UP

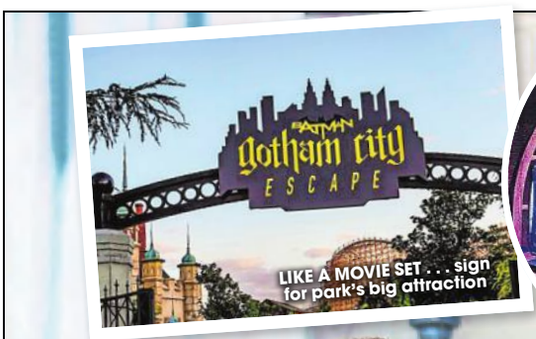
TWO Hard Rock Hotels in Mexico will be closing this summer – but for a very exciting reason.

The properties are undergoing mega upgrades and will reopen again at the end of the year.

Both the Hard Rock Hotel Cancun and Hard Rock Hotel Vallarta will get swanky new bedrooms, public spaces and amenities and will feature unique music gear from "legendary icons and today's top global artists".

In addition to this, the beachfront wedding chapel at Hard Rock Hotel Vallarta is undergoing a chic renovation, which will provide a glorious setting for ceremonies.

See hotel.hardrock.com/all-inclusive-resorts.



LIKE A MOVIE SET . . . sign for park's big attraction

CUT TO CHASE . . . the Joker awaits on ride

UP AND AWAY . . . thrillseekers enjoy new rollercoaster

PARTNERS IN CRIME. . . actors play the Caped Crusader and sidekick Robin at DC Super Heroes World

Wholly enjoyable theme park, Batman

SUPERHERO FUN AT MADRID VERSION OF U.S. HIT

SPEEDING through a jungle of steel, I'm flipped 180 degrees to face the ground as crowds gawp up from below.

I'm suspended midair for what feels like minutes as I travel upside down through a zero-G stall.

Held in only by a lap bar, I'm suddenly snapped upright and fired into another series of twists at breakneck speed.

As I hurtle out of Wayne Manor in a Batmobile, I know this isn't your average rollercoaster.

It's Batman Gotham City Escape at Parque Warner Madrid – Spain's answer to the big US theme parks.

And at just half an hour from the Spanish capital, it's way easier to get to than its American counterparts.

The Madrid park impresses from the off. You enter through Hollywood Boulevard – a glitzy strip modelled on the LA Walk of Fame.

Palm trees, golden stars and vintage studio lights line the streets.

But all eyes are on the towering "top hat" drop of Batman Gotham City Escape in the distance, which everyone races to ride first.

There's no clanking of lift hill chains as you're raised up to the heavens.

You're launched out of the station at nearly 65mph and right into the action. It's gut churning, but in the best possible way.

Themed on The Dark Knight Trilogy, the ride features Batmobile-themed trains that take you on a high-speed chase through Gotham as you escape the Joker. This roller-coaster is the only multi-launch one of its kind in Spain, boasting four inversions, a 147ft beyond-vertical drop and, honestly, it's the best I've done in Europe.

But that's just the start.

From Gotham, it's straight into the action-packed Movie World Studios zone.

Here you'll find Stunt Fall – a terrifying giant inverted boomerang coaster that you won't find anywhere else in Europe.

It yanks you backwards vertically up an almost 200ft tower before dropping you through a loop and cobra roll – only to do it all again, but in reverse.

There's also a live stunt show packed with explosions and car chases straight out of a Fast & Furious film.

From here, you can head over to the Old West Territory, where things get pretty wild.

The theming is top-notch – it's all wooden saloons, sheriffs and live shootouts. Plus, there's Coaster Express – a massive wooden coaster that looks as old as a western and rattles so hard it feels like it's going to fall apart.

You'll also find a Wild West-style flume ride, perfect for baking summer visits – just don't sit at the front unless you want a good soaking.

The biggest rides of the park are in DC Super Heroes World.

Floorless coaster

Aside from Gotham City Escape, you've got Superman: Atracción de Acero – a floorless coaster that throws you around seven inversions and over a 180ft drop with your feet dangling.

There's also Shadows Of Arkham, a disorientating inverted coaster that whips you through Gotham's darkest corners. While La Venganza Del Enigma – a giant drop tower themed on Batman villain The Riddler – sends you plummeting more than 300 feet.

For younger ones – or anyone needing a break from G-force – there's Cartoon Village.

This Looney Tunes-themed land has gentler rides, costumed characters and everything from Correcaminos Bip Bip, a Road Runner coaster, to a mild Tom & Jerry's kids' chase ride.

Going into Parque Warner Madrid park is like stepping onto a movie set, where every ride's an action scene.

And this is what makes it a great alternative to those big US theme parks such as Universal or Disney. It has all the theming with less of the faff. Instead of princess castles, you've got Bugs Bunny, Batman and Superman.

It's also packed with Warner Bros characters including those from DC, Looney Tunes and Hanna-Barbera, with plenty of meet-and-greet opportunities and shows to be seen.

So there's plenty to keep younger generations entertained.

Visit out of season and skip the queues too. I went on a Friday outside of peak summer holidays and didn't wait more than 20 minutes for a ride.

And the price? It's miles better than Disney.

Tickets start at just €32.90 (£28.50) for both adults and juniors, cheaper than some UK parks too.

While eating options are limited – think classic, fast-food diner menus – it's great value.

For just over a tenner, I bought an enormous sandwich, fries and a drink that could have easily fed two people.

When it comes to overnight stays, there's no Disney-style resort hotel attached to the park, but most people pick accommodation in central Madrid, or base themselves in Pinto, the closest train stop.

If you want US-style experience without the hefty price tag and gruelling ten-hour flight – this is the place to go.

LEE BELL

GO: PARQUE WARNER MADRID

GETTING THERE: Fly to Madrid from the UK with easyJet, Ryanair or British Airways from £14.99 each way. The park is 30 mins from the city centre by car or taxi €45-60 (£39-52). Or take a train to Pinto Station and jump on bus 413 straight to the park, which will set you back €4.85 (£4.20) each way.

PLAYING THERE: Day tickets from €32.90 (£28.50) for both adults and juniors. Kids under 100cm get in free. See parquewarner.com.

STAYING THERE: Complejo La Cigüeña is a 15-minute drive away and has camping pitches, an outdoor pool and bungalows sleeping two to three guests from €70 (£60) a night. See complejolaciguena.com.

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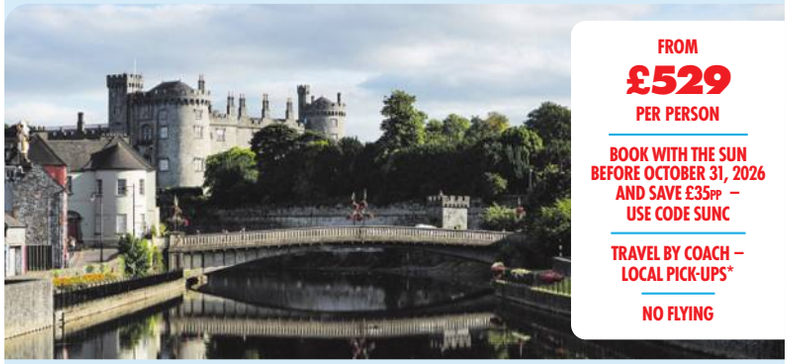

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GERRY HUMPHREY, via email

A Best thing you can do is drill drainage holes into the bottom of your pots. Penstemons are hardy but absolutely hate "wet feet." Without drainage holes, water will pool at the bottom, rot the roots and ultimately kill the plants.

Adding gravel or stones to the bottom of a holeless pot is a common myth, it actually raises the water table inside the pot and makes root rot more likely.

KEEP deadheading, prune lavender, and pick veg like courgettes and cucumbers little and often – if you let them get too big, they'll stop growing flowers. Water wisely.

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LUCY'S PLANTS THRIVE IN HEATWAVE

HOME AND DRY . . . Lucy shows off lush summer foliage

Drought of this world

AS we enter our fifth heatwave, three-quarters of England is in drought.

And while most of us are struggling with hosepipe bans, yellow grass, drooping plants and cracked earth, there is one little corner of the capital that is thriving – without a drop of water.

Lucy Hart, Head Gardener at Fulham Palace, has created a drought-tolerant border that is still green and lush, despite not watering it at all – in any shape or form.

"We only have one outside tap anyway," Lucy told me.

"But everything I selected had all the classic mechanisms for drought adaptation.

'Try it yourself'

"So I trialled anything with silver foliage to reflect the light, anything with sword-like upright foliage or with small foliage, succulent foliage like a sedum, or hairy foliage which stops evaporation and transpiration.

"Then I added a few more things – some of which have worked and some haven't.

"Some grasses do better than others but there's stipa gigantea which is doing really well and then things like iris.

"They're not documented as a drought-tolerant plant but surely it stands to reason they'll cope – as they've got rhizome, which is their storage at ground level."

Lucy added: "Then they've got the silver foliage that's upright, so I tried that and they're doing all right. There's a lovely little euphorbia cyparissias that's doing brilliantly."

The west-facing border at the palace, which is right on the banks of the Thames, has river terrace gravel to grow in that is very well drained.

She said: "You do have to try things yourself as well as go by what the books say, just because everyone has different soils and aspects.

"It's all very much about what you have got in your garden and what's around it.

Lucy explained: "Obviously, lavender is the classic.

"Then you have the curry plant.

"And, in terms of salvias, the little hot lips, and the amesythst ones – they're doing really well because they've got little flat leaves. One I thought was interesting is spiraea arguta, which is looking really nice.

"It flowers early spring, giving it some early interest.

"And, finally, Rosa Kew Gardens – that was a little experiment because it's such a great rose and I just thought, 'let's try it'.

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"For salvia we'll do the same, around April time.

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"The shrubs we'll keep in shape, as they might get too big.

"With sedums, now called Hylotelephium, you need to Chelsea chop them in mid May – cut them by half.

"They look bad for a week then the new foliage comes up."

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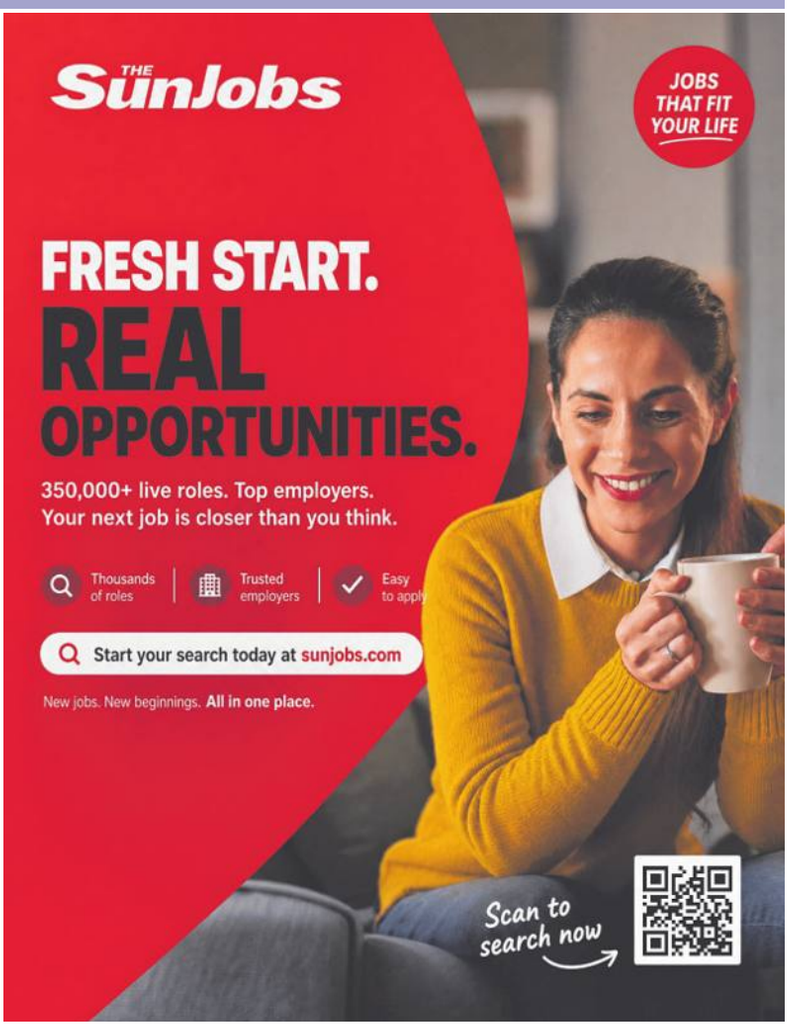

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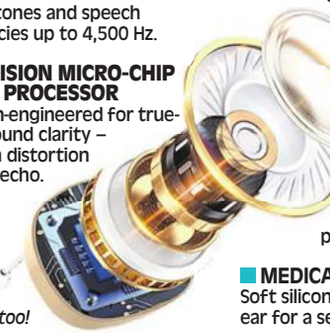

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Why Animal Farming is a Planetary Catastrophe

In 1950, when I was one year old, the world's population was about **2.5 billion**. Today it exceeds **8.5 billion**. As heatwaves, droughts and floods become increasingly severe, concern about food security and the future of our planet has never been greater. Yet few people realise that animal agriculture lies at the heart of many of today's environmental crises.

Animal farming occupies around **87% of the land used to produce food** while providing only **18% of global calories**. It is the leading cause of Amazon deforestation, with cattle ranching responsible for roughly 80% of current forest loss. Every hectare destroyed weakens one of Earth's greatest carbon sinks and one of its richest reservoirs of biodiversity.

Animal agriculture is also extraordinarily water intensive. Agriculture accounts for around **70% of global freshwater use**, and farm animals consume a disproportionate share of it. Producing one tonne of beef requires approximately **15,400 cubic metres of water**, much of it used simply to grow feed crops that could otherwise nourish people directly.

The industry is also a major source of water pollution. Manure and fertiliser runoff overload rivers and coastal waters with nitrogen and phosphorus, creating oxygen-starved 'dead zones' where marine life cannot survive. More than **400** such dead zones have now been identified worldwide.

The impact on wildlife is equally profound. Forests, grasslands and wetlands continue to disappear to make way for grazing and feed crops, while vast monocultures replace complex ecosystems. As farm animal numbers have expanded, wildlife populations have collapsed, leaving only a tiny fraction of Earth's mammals living in the wild.

Industrial farming also threatens human health. The routine use of antibiotics in farm animal production contributes to antimicrobial resistance, which was associated with over **one million deaths globally in 2019.** Pollutants and toxins also accumulate through the food chain into animal products.

According to the research of **Dr Sailesh Rao**, when the lost carbon-storage capacity of land devoted to farm animals is included, farm animal agriculture becomes the dominant driver of climate change. His systems analysis concludes that transforming our food system is essential if we are to address global warming, biodiversity loss, deforestation, water scarcity and many of the environmental tipping points humanity now faces.

The vast majority of farmed animals spend their lives in factory farms. In the United States alone, almost all chickens, pigs and turkeys, together with all farmed fish and most egg-laying hens, are raised in intensive confinement systems. Worldwide, around 75% of farmed animals are factory farmed.

Statistics can seem overwhelming, but every number represents an individual life capable of suffering.

If we are serious about protecting the climate, restoring nature and safeguarding the future, we must also be serious about changing what we eat. A transition towards plant-based food systems offers one of the greatest opportunities to reduce environmental damage while sparing billions of animals from lives of unnecessary suffering.

This article is a précis of research by Dr Sailesh Rao, systems engineer and founder of Climate Healers. Further information is available at **www.climatehealers.org.**

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ATHLETICS NEWS FROM EURO

KEELY CLOSE . . . Swiss star Audrey Werro claims 800m gold after holding off home favourite Hodgkinson

PIPPED

From back Page

a great race. I love a good challenge. I knew it would be one. Big credit to Audrey. I am sure we will have more battles.

"I have mixed emotions. With that level of competition, any medal is a really good achievement so it's another one to add to my collection and I can never be disappointed with that.

"I'm the defending champion and I wanted to do that but I knew it was going to come down to the wire and I really thought I was going to win.

"I guess it just wasn't meant to be. I didn't do anything wrong – it's just one of those things.

"Audrey wanted to take it on and, with that wind, I was happy to let her.

"We're all great athletes and I knew it was going to be close.

"I'll look forward to the next match-up. It's really motivating that it's such a competitive event. I love it and I think it brings out the best in me.

"That's championship racing. You don't know how it's going to go.

"Sometimes you have a good day, sometimes it's a bad day. I think I had a pretty good day but it just didn't go the way I wanted it to."

The reigning Olympic champion could not cope with the extra gear of Werro, who ran 1:54.81, smashing the championship record of 1:55.41 that had stood since 1982.

On a windy night in Birmingham, Hodgkinson went to the front at the start but was hunted down by Werro, 22, who made her decisive move down the home straight of the first lap.

Cow bells were rung loud by hundreds of Swiss supporters in the stands as she held off the brave challenge of Hodgkinson in the run-in, and celebrated by roaring like a lion.

Werro was only in the ten-woman final after being reinstated by officials following a fall in Thursday's semi-final.

Bronze went to Femke Broeders-Bol, who ran a national record of 1:55.54, in front of a sell-out 23,000 crowd.

Former criminology student Hodgkinson won European gold over two laps in Munich in 2022 and in Rome in 2024 but could not make it a threepeat.

It was on this track, four years ago at the Commonwealth Games, that she was pipped on the line by Kenyan Mary Moraa for the title.

Meanwhile, Britain's fastest man Zharnel Hughes *(inset)* failed to regain the 200m crown as he finished second in 20.16sec, 0.21 behind Germany's Owen Ansah.

Bronze was shared by Italian Eseosa Fostine Desalu and Swiss runner Timothe Mumenthaler, whose times were recorded at exactly 20.26251sec.

Scotswoman Megan Keith led for the majority of the women's 10,000m final but then slipped down to eighth in a time of 32:04.81.

Gold went to Italian Nadia Battoclletti in 31:41.17 as she claimed the long-distance double in the West Midlands.

In the men's high jump, British champ Kimani Jack was fourth after he failed to clear 2.27m, and Joel Clarke-Khan – the fiance of pole vaulter Molly Caudery – was fifth with a height of 2.23m.

Two weeks after she was crowned the Commonwealth 800m champ, Georgia Hunter Bell enters the action today in the women's 1500m heats.

Hunter Bell, 32, is going for a quadruple of titles in 2026, having also bagged the World Indoor gold in March in the 1500m – Hodgkinson took 800m glory in Poland.

Then, to finish off the season, there is World Athletics' new Ultimate Championships in Budapest next month.

Hunter Bell said: "It'll be a hard race.

"There's strong challenges from the French and Polish and even from my own training group.

"And, yeah, it's home turf. I want to win."

Over the moon

SEALED WITH A KISS . . . Hunt with her second gold medal of the Euros after her 200m triumph

AMY: I WAS SO CLOSE TO COLLAPSING

AMY HUNT admitted her blood pressure level dipped so low this season that it freaked out her family.

By **ROB MAUL**

And the Newark sprinter almost collapsed after a race in London last month.

Hunt, 24, has to be tested "like an old lady" daily to ensure she never faints after heavy track training sessions.

It has all been worth it as she took the 200 metres crown on Thursday – to complete a sprint double at the European Championships in Birmingham.

It followed Hunt's superb 100m success days earlier and her serious health issues make her achievements all the more remarkable.

Speaking just an hour after her 200m success – and with a sparkly tiara on her head – she gave more detail about the struggles she has faced this year and the steps taken by her worried family.

The biggest scare came in last month's London Athletics Meet as she took a turn for the worse backstage in Stratford.

Hunt said: "People probably don't know but I was taken to the medical room after the London Diamond League.

"I was on the floor and on the verge of fainting.

"We had to do a lot of medical tests.

"I have also had a lot of scary heart tests.

"A lot of stuff has been going on this year.

"I felt like we haven't been able to touch anywhere near my potential in the 200s.

"We managed to figure out that it was low blood pressure.

"Nadia Battoclletti, another athlete at these champs, spoke about having the same issue."

Hunt, who is based in Italian city Padua, revealed she has a strong support network who help her to deal with it.

She added: "I'm sponsored by a supplement brand, so it means I can have a lot of super salty electrolytes to raise my blood pressure.

"We've been doing a lot of work with cold towels and stuff. Just making sure I'm moving around between reps and not standing still.

"I have to take my blood pressure every day at training – like an old lady.

"What caused it? They have no idea. But my sister is a nurse and she said, 'If you had that blood pressure on the ward, I'd be really worried about you. I'd be pressing the bell'.

"Luckily, I have such an incredible coaching staff and family that take care of me.

"My mum and my sister fly back and forth from Italy, and back and forth from London, helping me.

"So it's been such a big family effort.

"It's definitely not been the most straightforward journey but that is what makes it the most rewarding."

Hunt was so full of adrenalin she could not sleep until 5am on Friday morning.

She is now two down with two to go in her dream of winning a record four gold medals at the same Euros – with the women's 4x100m relay and mixed sprint relay to come

SHAME OF DRONES . . . an official retrieves the gizmo

DRONE GROAN

FROM drones to groans — for Katarina Johnson-Thompson this was one of her worst–ever days in the women's heptathlon.

By ROB MAUL

Having pulled out of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games with a minor calf injury, the Liverpool star returned to elite competition in Birmingham, searching for an elusive Euros gold.

Her morning began in the first heat of the women's 100 metres hurdles.

But her appearance at the Alexander Stadium was delayed when a dozy drone operator crashed the flying object into a hurdle by mistake. A sheepish official collected it from lane four – the one next to the two-time world champ.

BBC commentator Andrew Cotter saw the funny side, saying: "Oh my goodness me, there we go.

"They are told to stay up because the drone operator has left the building.

"It has been picked up in little electronic bits and taken to the side – with a major headache.

"We laugh but it's disruptive to the start of this heptathlon."

If that operator was feeling embarrassed by that incident in front of the

CHAMPIONSHIPS

SWOON

GLAD ALL OVER . . . Hunt on her way to gold

this weekend. Her recovery has involved wearing compression boots, sleeping in compression socks, downing cherry juice "to increase my antioxidants" and eating good food.

There were shades of the famous Russell Crowe line in Oscar-winning film Gladiator when she crossed the line in 22.19sec in the 200m final.

Her triumph was marked by fireworks exploding from the top of the Alexander Stadium.

And Hunt echoed the line from Crowe's character Maximus as she roared into the camera: "Are you not entertained?"

And Hunt laughed as she explained her thinking after crossing the line ahead of Ireland's Rhasidat Adeleke, with British team-mate Dina Asher-Smith claiming bronze.

She revealed: "I've always likened the sprints to being a gladiator in the arena.

"I love the film Gladiator and my dad always quotes it to me.

"Before he races, he always says 'Strength and Honour'.

"It is definitely something I keep with me.

"I love to put on a show and bring the entertainment to the crowd.

"I just love being an entertainer. I love this sport and I love my job.

"Obviously, the fireworks were amazing.

"I didn't expect that and it made me jump.

"It was so special to be able to celebrate in front of the crowd.

"I love the movie Gladiator so it came out!"

BAD LOOK . . . empty seats at Birmingham

Worlds not ending

LONDON'S 2029 World Athletics Championships bid is not likely to be impacted by poor crowds at this week's Birmingham event.

Rome, Munich, Nairobi and London have held presentations with World Athletics chiefs to stage the nine-day extravaganza.

Sparse crowds at the European Championships at Alexander Stadium have been criticised — but the London 2017 Worlds were among one of the best ever in terms of event and ticket sales.

By ROB MAUL

And World Athletics president Seb Coe, 69, said: "It's horses for courses. We had the London 2012 Olympics. We had 2017."

AS KJT STUTTERS

BBC cameras, then KJT, 33, would not have felt much better by the evening.

After that brief disruption with the hurdles, Johnson-Thompson *(below)* finished the heat in fifth spot in 14.00sec – her slowest time over the distance at major level.

In the high jump, she managed to clear 1.83m – the fourth-best performance – but this left her in tenth overall after the opening two disciplines.

Throwing from Group B , she did not do much with a shot put, managing just 12.79m – nowhere near her PB of 14.44. This saw KJT slip to 15th out of 24 overall and was overtaken by compatriot Jade O'Dowda.

She finished last in her 200m heat in an embarrassing time of 24.46sec – her worst-ever run over the distance – and she ended day one in 16th place with just 3,644 points.

Irish favourite Kate O'Connor lies third at the halfway point.

Poland's Adrianna Sulek-Schubert is the leader on 3,968 points, with the long jump, javelin and 800m to come today.

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Hat's off to Rob

ROBERT LAMBERT wants a British Championship title hat-trick – then to smash the record books.

Lambo, 28, is favourite for a third national crown at the National Speedway Stadium in Manchester tonight, live on ITV4.

The event will see the sport return to terrestrial TV for the first time since 1985.

Norwich-born Lambert will race against the likes of former champs Chris Harris, Craig Cook, Adam Ellis and Danny King.

Lambert also has his longer-term sights on matching, then breaking, Scott Nicholls' record of **SEVEN** national titles.

He said: "It would be nice. What Scott did is pretty incredible."

By PHIL LANNING

Ross' shock loss

ROSS SMITH and Stephen Bunting went out early at the New Zealand Masters.

The PDC pair were shocked by Oceania stars in Auckland at the World Series of Darts invitational.

Dover-based world No15 Smith, 37, lost 6-5 to Aussie Adam Leek, 27.

And unranked Brisbane-born Raymond Smith KO'd Premier League player Bunting, 41, 6-2. World No123 Leek, who survived six match darts, said: "It is the best feeling in the world and a dream come true to play on this stage."

Smith, 46, will now play Leek in the quarter-finals today, and admitted: "It feels pretty awesome and I'm pretty stoked."

By ROB MAUL

SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

WOLVES (1) 2 BLACKBURN (1) 2

Munetsi 18 — McLoughlin 27
Jimenez 90 (pen) — Gudjohnsen 48
Att: 30,984

PREMIER SPORTS CUP 2D ROUND

KILMARNCK (1) 3 AYR (1) 2

Hugill 42 — Stirton 5
Schjonning-Larsen 79 — Taylor 48
Clescenco 89 — Att: 12,365

FRIENDLY

COVENTRY (2) 2 MONACO (0) 0

Simms 12
Tchaouna 32

ENTERPRISE SOUTH - Dag & Red 2 Farnham Town 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER - Emley AFC 2 Curzon Ashton 1.

WELSH PREMIER - Airbus UK Broughton 2 Ammanford 0, Cambrian United 1 Flint Town United 0, Connah's Quay Nomads 6 Trefelin BGC 0, Haverfordwest County 0 Penybont 3, Llandudno 3 Holywell Town 1, The New Saints FC 1 Briton Ferry 0.

ATHLETICS

EUROPEAN CH'SHIPS (Birmingham): **Women's 800m final -** 1 A Werro (Swi) 1:54.81, 2 K Hodgkinson (Gbr) 1:55.01, 3 F Bol (Ned) 1:55.54, 5 J Reekie (Gbr) 1:59.15.

CRICKET

THE HUNDRED
MEN - ELIMINATOR
Manchester Super Giants v SunRisers Leeds

The Kia Oval: Manchester Super Giants 186-4 (100 Balls; P I Walter 80; H Klaasen 63); SunRisers Leeds 166-7 (100 Balls; R D Rickelton 54no; J C Tongue 4-26). **Manchester Super Giants win by 20 runs.**

THE HUNDRED
WOMEN - ELIMINATOR
SunRisers Leeds v Southern Brave

The Kia Oval: Southern Brave 114-7 (100 balls); SunRisers Leeds 116-5 (89 balls; I E C M Wong 3-21). **SunRisers Leeds win by 5 wickets.**

METRO BANK ONE-DAY CUP
QUARTER-FINALS
Lancashire v Durham

Old Trafford: Durham 349-8 (50 overs; D G Bedingham 104; O G Robinson 76); Lancashire 187 (36.1 overs; J H A Moores 51; S Ghafari 4-36). **Durham win by 162 runs.**

Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire

York: Yorkshire 273-9 (50.0 overs; W J Bennison 91; D Pennington 4-49); Nottinghamshire 277-7 (48.4 overs; J A Haynes 116no; K Verreynne 105; B O Coad 5-52). **Nottinghamshire beat Yorkshire by 3 wickets.**

CYCLING

CZECH TOUR: Stage 2 (Mlada Boleslav to Jested, 155.0km) **-** 1 A August (US) Netcompany INEOS Cycling Team 3h 37m 28s, 2 A Fancellu (Ita) MBH Bank Ballan Telecom Fort +2s. **Overall -** 1 August 7h 22m 33s, 2 Fancellu +6s, 3 D Pozzovivo (Ita) Solution Tech-NIPPO-Rali +11.

ARCTIC RACE OF NORWAY: Stage 2 (Bo to Andenes, 179.2km) **-** 1 E Blikra (Nor) Uno-X Mobility 3h 56m 49s, 2 E Vernon (GB) NSN Cycling Team at same time. **Overall -** 1 G Lonardi (Ita) Team Polti VisitMalta 8h 1m 58s, 2 Blikra +4s, 3 T De Luca (Swe) Lucky Sport Cycling Team +6, 4 Vernon +8.

GOLF

DANISH GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP (Kerteminde, Funen): **2nd Rnd** (Gbr & Irle unless stated) **- 133** A Rozner (Fra) 69 64, C Adam 70 63, **134** E Ferguson 69 65, **135** M Jordan 68 67, R Langasque (Fra) 69 66, B Stone (Rsa) 66 69, J Perico (Per) 69 66, C Surratt (USA) 69 66, **136** B Watson (USA) 68 68, Y Zhou (Chn) 69 67, **137** F Schott (Ger) 67 70, R Hoejgaard (Den) 70 67, T Clements 69 68, F Celli (Ita) 67 70.

VP BANK SWISS LADIES OPEN (Risch-Rotkreuz): **2nd Rnd** (Gbr & Irl unless stated) **- 130** K Arwefjaell (Swe) 64 66, **133** A Foster 67 66, W Hillier (Aus) 66 67, **134** C Williams 66 68, A Foersterling (Ger) 66 68, E Givens 68 66, **135** H Screen 68 67, **136** E Nummenpaeae (Fin) 68 68, A Hewson 68 68, L Sobron (Spa) 65 71, K Muehlbauer (Aut) 67 69, L Rydqvist (Swe) 68 68, A Latorre (Spa) 65 71.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

HULL (6) **14 CASTLEFORD** (12) **18**

Hull - Tries: Batchelor, Barron, Martin. Goals: Sezer. Castleford - Tries: Atoni, Ravalawa, Hood. Goals: Weaver (2), Hood.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds	23	18	0	5	784	346	36
Wigan	22	17	0	5	655	401	34
Warrington	22	16	0	6	598	360	32
Wakefield	22	16	0	6	609	376	32
Hull K R	22	15	0	7	660	349	30
Leigh	23	15	0	8	508	428	30
St Helens	22	12	0	10	502	492	24
Catalans	23	9	0	14	449	691	18
Castleford	23	8	0	15	408	716	16
Toulouse	22	7	0	15	450	592	14
York	23	7	0	16	454	665	14
Hull	23	6	0	17	399	499	12
Bradford	22	6	0	16	386	671	12
Huddsfield	22	5	0	17	375	651	10

SNOOKER

CHINA OPEN (Taiyuan City): **Qtr-finals -** Y Zhou (Chn) bt D Gilbert (Eng) 6-5; N Saengkham (Tha) bt S Murphy (Eng) 6-4; M Selby (Eng) bt N Robertson (Aus) 6-1; S Bingham (Eng) bt A Zhang (Chn) 6-3.

TENNIS

ATP NATIONAL BANK OPEN (Montreal): **Final -** B Shelton (USA) bt B Nakashima (USA) 6-3 7-6 (7-4).

WTA NATIONAL BANK OPEN (Toronto): **Final -** I Swiatek (Pol) bt E Rybakina (Kaz) 6-2 6-3.

ATP & WTA CINCINNATI OPEN (Cincinnati Ohio): **1st Rnd, Men -** M Landaluce (Spa) bt J Draper (GB) 6-3 7-5; C Norrie (GB) bt D Prizmic (Cro) 3-6 6-1 6-4. **Women -** K Boulter (GB) bt K Volynets (USA) 7-5 0-6 6-4; P Stearns (USA) bt H Dart (Gbr) 6-1 7-6 (8-6).

TODAY'S SPORT

ATHLETICS (all weekend) **- European Ch'ships** (Birmingham).

CRICKET

Fifth One Day International: Ireland v Afghanistan (Belfast, 10.45am).

First Test—day 1 of 5: Sri Lanka v India (Galle, 5.30am).

First Test Match—day 3 of 5: Australia v Bangladesh (Darwin, 1.30am).

GOLF (all weekend)

Tour FedEx St. Jude Championship (Memphis, Tennessee).

Danish Golf Championship (Kerteminde, Funen).

Ladies European Tour VP Bank Swiss Ladies Open (Risch-Rotkreuz).

LPGA The Standard Portland Classic (Portland, Oregon).

USPGA Champions Boeing Classic (Snoqualmie, Washington).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League (5.30)**:** Bradford v Wigan (6.30), Toulouse v Huddersfield (8.0), **Women's Super League** (12.0)**:** Barrow v Featherstone (3.0), Leigh v Huddersfield (1.0), St Helens v Leeds, Wigan v York.

RUGBY UNION

International: Australia v Japan (6.0am).

SNOOKER (all weekend)

China Open (Taiyuan City).

TENNIS (all weekend)

ATP & WTA Cincinnati Open (Ohio).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

First Test—day 2 of 5: Sri Lanka v India (Galle, 5.30am).

First Test—day 4 of 5: Australia v Bangladesh (Darwin, 1.30am).

The Hundred Finals (Lord's:) **Women:** Trent Rockets v SunRisers Leeds (2.15). **Men:** Trent Rockets v Manchester Super Giants (6.0).

One-Day Cup Semi-finals: Leicestershire v Notts (Grace Road, 11am), Middlesex v Durham (Radlett, 11.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Championship (3.0)**:** Batley v Keighley, Doncaster v Midlands Hurricanes, Halifax v Widnes, Oldham v London Broncos, Sheffield v Hunslet, Swinton v North Wales Crusaders (1.0), Whitehaven v Dewsbury, Workington v Rochdale (4.0).

RUGBY UNION

International (0.30)**:** USA v Argentina.

FLOPS DON'T AD UP

ADAM RAMSAY-PEATY was left baffled after crashing out of the European Championships 50 metres breaststroke heats.

The Brit holds the event's world record of 25.95sec – and won four straight Euro titles.

But the three-time Olympic champ *(inset)*, 31, had a terrible start in Paris and placed eighth out of ten in 27.34sec. He said: "These performances are not good enough. It's so bad that I'm confused."

It has been a testing time for Ramsay-Peaty, who cried after his 100m breaststroke bronze at the Commonwealth Games.

He finished fifth in the 100m and fourth in the mixed medley relay in Paris to end his Euro run of 16 golds from 16 finals.

By LIZ BYRNES

OFF HIS STROKE . . . Peaty was eighth in his heat and 20th overall in the 50m breaststoke

No1 FOR SUPER LGE

Super Carr

CLASSY CAS DO IT FOR BOSS RYAN

CASTLEFORD overcame their coaching issues to beat hosts Hull FC.

Hull FC.....14
Castleford.....18

Tigers boss Ryan Carr once again missed the game due to personal reasons.

But Renouf Atoni, Mikaele Ravalawa and Liam Hood all went over as the visitors claimed just a third away victory of the season.

Ex-Huddersfield Giants No1 Luke Robinson is returning from his holiday early to take training on Monday as their new assistant boss in Carr's absence.

Cas were trailing late on but Hood's effort with 11 minutes left secured the points following first-half efforts for Atoni and Ravalawa.

Ravalawa dived over to stretch the lead after Phoenix Laulu-Togagae had lofted a perfectly weighted pass into the corner.

Tom Weaver's penalty made it 12-0 but Hull FC launched a stirring fightback either side of the interval.

Jakob Arthur's grubber kick was collected by Joe Batchelor and Aidan Sezer added the goal.

The Tigers were creaking under pressure and the home side claimed the lead as Harvey Barron took a high ball to touch down and Sezer sent over Lewis Martin in the corner after 59 minutes.

To their credit, back came Cas and Hood managed to burrow his way over the line in the 68th minute to restore their lead.

Hull had been in good spirits after announcing Aussie Daly Cherry-Evans will be joining them next season,

HOOD VIBRATIONS . . . Castleford's Liam Hood scores a try and then celebrates (inset)

FERY . . . back in action

Fery odd to break

By ROB MAUL

ANDREW CASTLE is "surprised" Arthur Fery has waited five weeks before playing again after his epic Wimbledon run.

Wildcard Fery, 24, remarkably made it to the semi-finals before losing to German world No2 Alexander Zverev.

The new British No1 plays today against US ace JJ Wolf or Aussie James Duckworth in the Cincinnati Open.

But former Brit tennis star and broadcaster Castle, 62, told Betway: "I'm surprised he hasn't played.

"I can't second-guess somebody who makes the Wimbledon semis, but I would have played more.

"Most people would, because you're playing so well."

Sport

TANZID HASAN TAMIM is the first Bangladesh cricketer to make a Test century in Australia.

The opener, 25, hit 101 in only his second Test on day two in Darwin. He said: "It is special."

SHORT

Selby cut the cue

NEIL ROBERTSON'S world No1 dreams are on hold after a battering by Mark Selby and his new cue.

The Aussie, 44, would have been the globe's best snooker star if he had won this week's China Open but was routed 6-1 by Selby.

It means there is a race at the Wuhan Open between Robertson, Zhao Xintong and Wu Yize for Judd Trump's spot.

Selby would join that battle if he claims the £250,000 crown tomorrow.

The Leicester Jester, 43, said: "Very happy. To beat Neil in any match is tough. I love my new cue. I had the old one for 20 years."

Prichard, 33, dies

PUERTO RICAN boxer Prichard Colon has died at 33 — 11 years after suffering brain damage in the ring.

Colon had complained about being struck in the back of his head during a 2015 light-middleweight bout with US opponent Terrell Williams in Virginia.

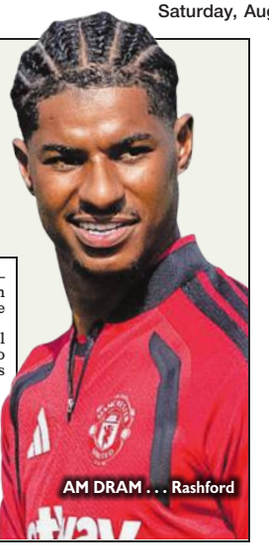
He sustained a brain haemorrhage and spent 221 days in a coma after an op to reduce swelling.

And he was left unable to walk or talk.

His father Richard said on social media: "Now he is in a better world.

"Thank you for so many years of love and prayers."

BACK RASH



MARCUS RASHFORD could play for Manchester United for the first time in 611 DAYS — against the man who bombed him out of Old Trafford.

Rashford, 28, is in the match-day squad – as United take on Ruben Amorim's AC Milan in Poland today – after 20 months away from his boyhood club.

The England star last donned United colours in December 2024, against Viktoria Plzen in the Europa League, after Amorim *(right)* took issue with his application in training.

And by January 2025 Rashford had been shipped out on a six-month loan at Aston Villa – before spending last season with Barcelona.

Although the forward reunited with Michael Carrick and the squad in Dublin this week, the late World Cup returnee sat out the 1-1 draw against Leeds at Croke Park alongside Kobbie Mainoo and Lisandro Martinez.

Some of the squad then returned home, while a smaller contingent went on to Poland for the game against the Italian giants.

The pre-season clash gains a spicy subplot with Amorim – who is already under fire in Italy after two months in the role – in the other dugout.

The former United boss will face Mainoo, 21, as well, who was also sidelined during his horror 18-month tenure.

One of Amorim's favourites, Mason Mount, travelled home as an injury precaution.

While striker Benjamin Sesko will now miss every pre-season match ahead of their Premier League opener at Hull on Saturday.

Return after 611 days

PREM COUNTDOWN

16 DAYS TO GO

HULL CITY 1904

HULL became the first side in 16 years to be promoted via the Championship play-offs after finishing **SIXTH**, since Blackpool in 2010.

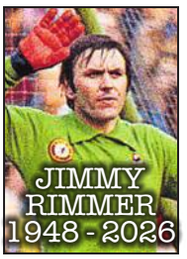
They beat Middlesbrough in the final thanks to Oli McBurnie's goal.

Dor reopens

JADON SANCHO prefers a move abroad — after his Manchester United contract expired.

The winger *(left)*, 26, who spent last season on loan at Aston Villa, is a free agent.

Sancho could return for a third stint at Borussia Dortmund — where he played from 2017 to 2021 and was on loan in 2024.



RIMMER . . . Euro star

Villa hero dies at 78

By MITCHELL HALL

ASTON VILLA and Manchester United icon Jimmy Rimmer has died at the age of 78.

The keeper helped both clubs win a European Cup during his 22-year career.

He was a United youth and on their bench in the 1968 European Cup final victory over Benfica.

He joined Arsenal in 1974 and Villa in 1977, where he played 229 league games and every match of their 1982 European Cup-winning campaign — but went off nine minutes into the final against Bayern Munich with a neck injury.

In club statements, Villa and Arsenal said they were "saddened" by the news.

United sent condolences and said: "Our thoughts are with Jimmy's loved ones at this difficult time."

Rimmer's former United team-mate and fellow keeper Alex Stepney, 83, wrote on X: "Rest in peace and lots of love to Jimmy's family."

Rimmer earned one cap for England in a friendly win over Italy in 1976.

ADIOS TO ROMERO

By JAKE SANDERS

CRISTIAN ROMERO confirmed his Spurs exit in a heartfelt Instagram post.

Tottenham's captain is joining LaLiga outfit Atletico Madrid in a £34million deal after five years in North London.

The Argentine's final game for the club was March's 1-0 loss at Sunderland, where he suffered a season-ending knee injury.

Defender Romero *(right)*, who skippered the club to Europa League glory last year, said: "I leave with a heart full of memories and enormous pride."

The 28-year-old added: "When I arrived, I had a clear dream, to leave my name in this club's history. I knew the only way was achieving something that had seemed so difficult for so long, lifting a trophy again.

"I wasn't perfect, but one thing gives me peace: I always gave everything."

NEWS TICKER

BOLTON have signed Aston Villa winger Samuel Iling-Junior on a season-long loan.

The 22-year-old, loaned to West Brom and Serie B's Pisa last term, said: "I've got good experience of this stadium. I hit a brace against Luxembourg for England Under-21s!"

NUNO ESPIRITO SANTO is hopeful Arne Engels will be a West Ham player within the next 48 hours.

Scottish champs Celtic accepted a club-record £22million bid for the Belgian midfielder, 22.

Hammers boss Nuno said: "A bid has been accepted by Celtic. But patience is the best word."

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LEAGUE TWO

Jack's Cow pat

COLCHESTER midfielder Jack Payne believes working under Danny and Nicky Cowley has set the ideal platform for a promotion push.

By JUSTIN ALLEN

The U's kick off their League Two campaign at Accrington Stanley today.

And Payne *(right)*, 31, insists the energetic managerial brothers have completely transformed the club's culture.

He told SunSport: "They both see the game in a very similar way.

"It's not a good-cop, bad-cop situation. The messages they give are completely clear, they give us all the information we need.

"They work well together and have a clear understanding of what they're both thinking at the right time. So they're really enjoyable to work with."

With the U's squad in peak condition, Payne believes the team are ready to deliver for the supporters.

He added: "The core of the team's been here for a number of years now.

"We've got a lot of players that have worked with the Cowleys for a while, so that's a big advantage.

"It's about doing the supporters proud.

"We've been in and around it for the last couple of years, but we definitely want to take it that next step further."

Scott a thick skin

SCOTT LINDSEY insists he is bullet-proof as York prepare for their first EFL game in TEN years against Bristol Rovers.

By JUSTIN ALLEN

The Minstermen host a sell-out crowd of 8,500 today but Lindsey *(right)* recently faced barracking from fans angry over the pre-season sacking of previous boss Stuart Maynard.

Despite a 2-0 Carabao Cup loss to former club Crawley and taking stick from the stands, Lindsey refuses to let the toxic atmosphere break him.

He said: "When you're a manager you've got to be bullet-proof, thick-skinned.

"An inexperienced boss would probably have crumbled. But I'm not going to crumble. I want the players to focus on doing their job really well and negativity is never good, I know that.

"We want it to be positive and I'm hopeful it will be like that going forward.

"But for the next 46 games if I get dog's abuse and the players don't, I'll be happy with that.

"I feel for the fans but change in football happens quite a lot. Sometimes people don't like change, yet we have to deal with it and jump on board.

"There's so much more that I want to add to what we're doing, but you don't want to fill their minds with so many different things and all of a sudden there's confusion in the camp."

INITIALLY SPEAKING

Sky BET CHAMPIONSHIP EFL

MOST GAMES MANAGED IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP SINCE 2004-05

YOUR competition quiz is back after a summer sabbatical. And we are hitting the ground running off with the initials for the top 15 managers who have bossed most games in the Championship since the tier two rebrand in 2004-05. If you can work them out then try and solve our main question and send it to us for a chance to be a winner!

Q Of the 15 below who has managed the fewest Championship sides since 2004-05?

Let us know the name of that manager by Thursday and you could be winner! Send your entry to sportsquiz-sm@the-sun.co.uk for a chance to win £50. (Winner's bank details will be required).

MANAGER	CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES SINCE 2004-05
N W	530
T M	504
M M	492
I H	442
G R	431
M R	414
N P	374
A N	369
D J	353
N C	305
B D	297
S C	294
N A	282
S G	279
S B	278

INITIALLY SPEAKING ANSWER (JULY 18): Fabricio Coloccini.
WINNER (JULY 18): Kristy Brown, Ebbw Vale.
ANSWERS (JULY 18): David De Gea, Cesc Fabregas, Cesar Azpilicueta, David Silva, Pablo Zabaletta, Pepe Reina, Mikel Arteta, Juan Mata, Sergio Aguero, Adama Traore, Oriol Romeu, Emiliano Martinez, Ayoze Perez, Fernando Torres, Fabricio Coloccini.

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ANGEBALL ON REPETE

Salford boss to copy big pal

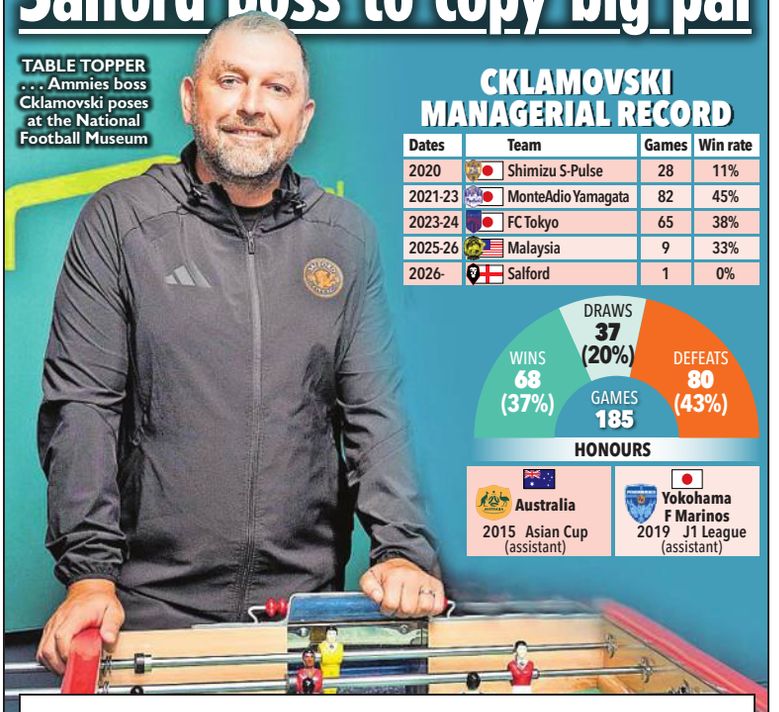


TABLE TOPPER . . . Ammies boss Cklamovski poses at the National Football Museum

CKLAMOVSKI MANAGERIAL RECORD

Dates	Team	Games	Win rate
2020	Shimizu S-Pulse	28	11%
2021-23	MonteAdio Yamagata	82	45%
2023-24	FC Tokyo	65	38%
2025-26	Malaysia	9	33%
2026-	Salford	1	0%

WINS 68 (37%) | DRAWS 37 (20%) | DEFEATS 80 (43%) | GAMES 185

HONOURS

Australia
2015 Asian Cup (assistant)

Yokohama F Marinos
2019 J1 League (assistant)

PETER CKLAMOVSKI spent 15 years in the shadow of Ange Postecoglou — now he is ready to take centre stage under Gary Neville and David Beckham at Salford City.

EXCLUSIVE by JUSTIN ALLEN

The new Ammies boss was fellow Aussie Postecoglou's trusted lieutenant during a trophy-laden 15-year spell, winning the 2015 Asian Cup with the Socceroos and the J1 League title with Yokohama F Marinos *(below)*.

Big Ange went on to conquer Scotland with Celtic, winning back-to-back titles and a domestic treble.

He then brought his high-octane style to Tottenham, firing the club into the Champions League by lifting the 2025 Europa League.

Now, after eight years carving out his own managerial path across Australia, Malaysia, and Japan, Cklamovski has landed in League Two.

And working under the ambitious ownership group led by Neville and Becks — with Manchester United icon Paul Scholes keeping a keen eye on the boardroom — he is determined to build a legacy that will make his mentor proud.

Cklamovski opened up on his connection with Postecoglou, saying: "I've been on my own for eight years, but for 15 years I was privileged to share a journey with Ange.

"We shared many great moments together. He's a special man and leader, who I'm blessed to have as a mentor.

"Whatever I do, I like to be an extension of his legacy. That's how much I love him.

"In the next 12 months, we'll all work hard to achieve something special at Salford. I know that'll make him proud."

The line between former boss and friend is long gone as they both tackle new jobs, with Postecoglou taking over at Saudi side Al-Nassr

Cklamovski gets his League Two campaign underway with a trip to Barnet today and revealed the lessons he took from working alongside Big Ange.

He explained: "It's a mentality and a belief to do things a certain way, the conviction in doing that, and the mindset to never stand still."

Cklamovski arrives in Greater Manchester with vast global experience.

He said: "I love the English culture. I've got the benefit of more than two decades of work in different regions."

And despite Postecoglou's attacking style being forged at the top, Cklamovski is convinced that philosophy can work in League Two.

He added: "You want to play a brand of football that's going to be exciting.

"We want to get our fans jumping. But we'll also be ready to roll our sleeves."

He has already laid down the law following an intensive pre-season with ten days in Spain, saying: "You play the way you train."

Off the pitch, Salford boasts an ownership set-up unlike almost any other in lower-league football, thanks to the Class of 92.

But Cklamovski insisted: "There is no pressure for me. They're absolute legends of the game, absolute gentlemen."

Salford suffered a 3-0 play-off final defeat to Notts County in May. But the Aussie is using that setback as fuel for direct promotion.

He said: "Within a negative of a setback you learn a lot. We must use that heartache as a foundation to spring forward.

"Hopefully at the end of 12 months of hard work, we will be at the top of the mountain, touching trophies."

LEAGUE ONE

McGUANE . . . ACL hell

Terrierble agony of Marc KO

By JAKE SANDERS

HUDDERSFIELD manager Martin Drury was left "devastated" by Marcus McGuane's ACL injury.

Midfielder McGuane, 27, was crocked in training this week and is facing at least nine months out.

The Terriers kick off their League One season at home to Wimbledon this afternoon.

Drury said: "We're all devastated because we have seen how hard he has worked in pre-season.

"We now have a duty of care to look after Marcus, to make sure he has the right support around him and that he comes back in the best shape possible.

"He's a brilliant person and a top player, so to lose him is gutting.

"It was a tough day for the players. It was visible how much pain he was in.

"The injury is becoming more and more common.

"It is devastating for himself and everyone. We'll make sure he gets the love he needs."

WATSON . . . prepared

Foxes to give 'em Wat for

By JAKE SANDERS

TOMMY WATSON has told Leicester to "go out and attack" in their league opener at Notts County.

The Foxes are back in the third tier for the first time in 17 years after consecutive relegations and go to promoted Magpies.

On-loan Brighton winger Watson, 20, wants a good start from Russell Martin's side to send a message.

He said: "It's not going to be an easy game. I don't think any game this year is going to be easy.

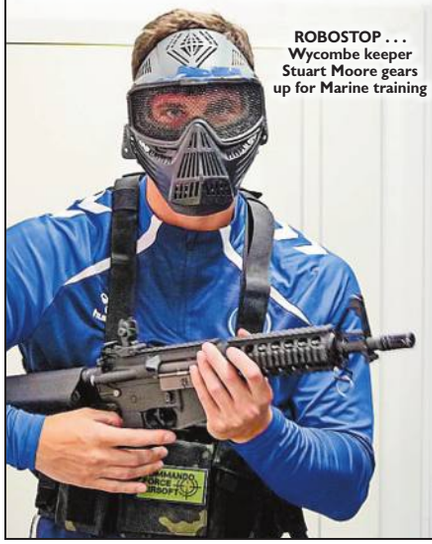
"But we've got to go and attack it with the principles the gaffer has set and take the positives and also the learnings.

"Hopefully it's a good performance and result.

"We've worked on the systems we think we'll play against but we've got enough to hurt them.

"We've been set up perfectly and everything is so clear from the staff."

WAR-COMBE WANDERERS



ROBOSTOP . . . Wycombe keeper Stuart Moore gears up for Marine training

KEEPER Stuart Moore is used to stopping shots — not firing them.

By GARETH DAVIES

But he took on a dramatic role reversal during a tough pre-season stint on Dartmoor with his Wycombe team-mates.

While Premier League teams played glamour friendlies in faraway places, Wanderers boss Michael Duff took his men to a Royal Marines-style camp in the wilds of Devon.

That was how Moore *(below)*, 31, came to be toting a gun and wearing a sinister mask, looking like a cross between Robocop and a Starship Trooper.

But life on the firing range seemed like the easy part of the course run by former Marine Ben Williams.

The players lived a military life, surviving in the open, rigging up their own night shelters, abseiling down sheer rock faces, and plunging into one of the moor's chilly rivers. And they were not allowed their mobile phones for comfort.

Duff arrived at Adams Park in September last year with the club in 19th position, and lifted them to 11th in the final table.

Now he aims to storm the League One top spots.

And ahead of today's opener at Blackpool, he said: "When we said we were taking players to live with the Royal Marines, some people thought we were just going to beast them.

"That wasn't the case, but they did learn about an elite environment.

"We weren't firing live rounds — we couldn't get away with that!

"The boys used air rifles that fire plastic pellets, but they still hurt if you get hit. Maybe I could do with firing a few live rounds myself during the season!"

LEAGUE 1 BIM FIRED UP

Maple grief

PEPPLE THANKS RACE ABUSE SUPPORT THAT FUELLED CANADA CALL

POWER TO THE PEPPLE . . . Plymouth star Aribim is ignoring racist trolls and focusing on those who matter

ARIBIM PEPPLE hailed the support network that helped him get over vile racist abuse to find his best scoring form.

EXCLUSIVE by JUSTIN ALLEN

Plymouth's rising young striker revealed "tough love" from his dad and the softer emotional support of his mum were key.

Pepple, 23, was targeted by gutless online trolls after missing a penalty against Cheltenham in the Trophy last September.

And boss Tom Cleverley *(right)* was also straight on the phone when he heard.

It could have broken a player who had yet to score for Argyle. But he responded with 16 League One goals, which saw him earn a first Canada call-up.

Pepple said: "I had a couple of racist messages but everyone in the club gathered around me. It sounds weird but I wouldn't change anything. If I can get through that, I can get through anything.

"I wasn't too surprised. I've seen it all over — people getting racist abuse. I was just going to move on but my dad was like, 'Nah, Bim, this isn't OK'. So I reported it."

That mental toughness was forged by his parents, Reuben and Fola.

Pepple added: "My dad's always given me tough love. There's nothing any fan is going to tell me about a performance that dad hasn't told me. My mum's the opposite. She's the emotional coach."

Cleverley, 37, also stepped up and Pepple said: "The gaffer shared his experience of when he was playing for England. There was a bunch of people who petitioned against him. In the starting line-up, he was the only person who got booed.

"If he can get through that, there's no reason I can't get through this."

Pepple has a powerful message for anyone else suffering at the hands of gutless keyboard warriors.

He said: "Social media will make it feel like it's the majority, but it's actually a small minority. Focus on the people that matter to you."

Pepple's form caught the eye of Maple Leafs chief Jesse Marsch.

He said: "I woke up from a nap and saw a WhatsApp, 'Hey Bim, this is Jesse Marsch. We're inviting you to be part of the squad.

"I kept pinching myself to make sure that I wasn't still dreaming.

"In training, the level was so high. When you're hearing 'Bim, Jonathan David in one team', you're like, 'what?'. He's playing for Juventus!' It definitely left me hungry for more."

REWIND

MAR 10 2018 — 8 YEARS AGO

By ASHLEY BARNES

Premier League

WEST HAM (0) 0
BURNLEY (0) 3
Barnes 66, Wood 70, 81
(London Stadium)
Att: 56,904

CAUSING A BARNEY . . . goal led to fan disorder

ASH & BURN!

WITH Burnley hosting West Ham in tomorrow's opener, striker ASHLEY BARNES, 36, heads back eight years when he was on target in a win for the Clarets at the London Stadium — a game in which Hammers fans turned on their owners with protests on an off the pitch.

THE moment I scored our opener just after the hour, all hell broke loose at the London Stadium.

There had been pre-game rumours of unrest among home fans unhappy with the owners and their switch of stadiums from Upton Park to their new home at Stratford the previous season.

West Ham were very much in the game up until my goal and had a couple of decent opportunities from Marko Arnautovic and Manuel Lanzini to take the lead.

Then a long ball down the line from Matt Lowton found Chris Wood.

His quick control and cutback found me perfectly running into the area and I caught the ball with a right-foot shot past Hammers' keeper Joe Hart.

Cue pandemonium.

A few isolated fans invaded the pitch, took out the corner flag and planted it in the centre circle.

Frustrated Hammers captain Mark Noble pushed one to the ground.

Some were ordered off the pitch by other West Ham players while stewards grabbed several fans before order was restored.

It was all very unpleasant and I think players on both sides felt uneasy.

Then seething supporters turned on the directors' box.

They were more interested in venting their anger at the owners rather than anything happening on the pitch for the rest of the match.

The atmosphere was so toxic in the stadium the Burnley staff let several children take refuge on the subs' bench while the activity and spotlight was focused on the disorder.

When play resumed we had to remain completely professional and committed.

Such was the camaraderie in that Burnley side that season it was no surprise that within 15 minutes Woody had added two more goals to seal the victory.

This season with Burnley was without question my most enjoyable in almost two decades in the game.

Credit to Sean Dyche and his management team who built a squad with little or no transfer budget but produced a team that went on to finish seventh in the table and qualify for Europe.

Fast forward eight years and Burnley have to do what we so successfully did two seasons ago and get promotion back to the Premier League at the first time of asking after the disappointment of last season.

I have never been more determined to play my part in lifting the club back to the top flight again.

I had a brilliant sit down with new boss Nicky Hayen who made it very clear he felt age was just a number.

It has given me a huge lift mentally and physically ahead of the season.

I want to do as much as I can behind the scenes as well as on the pitch.

Opening the season tomorrow at home to one of the pre-season favourites West Ham is a great opportunity to hit the ground running.

We are also aware of the task ahead.

The Championship is relentless. After tomorrow we face tough league trips to West Brom and one of my old clubs Norwich.

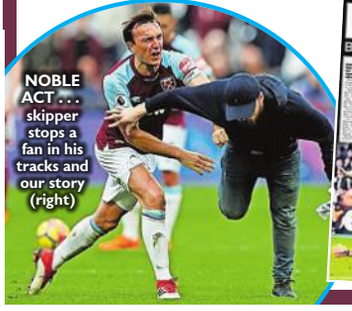
I don't think I'm quite ready, as this has been my first proper week with the first team.

But after our Carabao Cup victory over Notts County last Saturday, everyone is really up for the challenge.

HOW THEY LINED UP

WEST HAM: Hart, Zabaleta, Cresswell, Collins, Ogbonna, Kouyate, Lanzini, Joao Mario (Chicharito), Noble, Arnautovic, Antonio.
Manager: David Moyes.
BURNLEY: Pope, Lowton, Tarkowski, Mee, Ward, Cork, Hendrick (Wood), Westwood, Lennon, Barnes (Vokes), Gudmundsson.
Manager: Sean Dyche.

Interview: RUSSELL LANNING



NOBLE ACT . . . skipper stops a fan in his tracks and our story (right)

FLASH ASH
Barnes lifts Austria call-up hopes

CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON'S ALL FOOTBALL IVY Bamford's

YO AND ME . . . Solomon (left) with Benayoun and (inset) with the former Israel star as a kid

Crossing the divide for a new Manor

MANOR SOLOMON is only now starting to realise how far he has come from Spurs to West Ham.

The Hammers' new winger signed from Tottenham blissfully unaware of the ferocious rivalry that exists between the neighbours in the capital.

Solomon, 27, is the first player to make the move from North to East London since defender Callum Davenport in 2007 – although several have gone in the other direction.

Israel star Solomon said: "I did not know that. So let's say if I came from Man United . . . it would be different?

"I know everyone in London hates each other, especially the big clubs!

"Tottenham, Arsenal, Chelsea, West Ham, they all hate each other.

"So I know it – but I didn't know how big it is.

"However it doesn't really matter where I came from.

"I came from Spurs, from Liverpool, Fiorentina – it doesn't matter.

"I'll just try to give my best regardless of where I came from."

Solomon, who will cost the Irons up to £7million, has only been at the club's East London training ground for a few days as he settles in ahead of tomorrow's trip to Burnley for his debut and a fresh start.

He sought advice from Israel football legend, his boyhood idol and former Hammer Yossi Benayoun before deciding to make another big move, this time from the Prem to the Championship.

Benayoun spent two years at Upton Park and earned cult status with his tricky wing play and silky skills.

Solomon said: "I spoke to Yossi when this opportunity came up. He really loves the club. He really enjoyed his time here.

"Me and Yossi are really, really close. We played together a bit.

"Then he was the sporting director for the national team. I really like him as a person and he was my idol growing up in Israel.

"He told me just good things about the club, about its fans.

"It has been 20 years since he was here but he told me positive things about the club.

"He knows me as a player so he told me that I should play as I can – with confidence and with creativity.

"He said I'm sure they will really like you.

"He thinks that I more than deserve to play in the Premier League.

"But if not in the Premier League right now, West Ham can be the right place for me as there is a really high chance to go back to the top level.

"It is a big club that can be back in the Premier League and then remain there for a really long time.

"Everyone knows that West Ham belongs to the top half of the Prem – and three years ago they even won a European title.

"I'm sure if the club goes in the right direction then it will fight again for Europe in the Premier League."

By ANDREW DILLON

WHAM BAM . . . Bamford got his season off to a flier with the opening goal in a 3-0 Carabao Cup win at Mansfield last weekend

PATRICK BAMFORD would choose a freezing, rain-lashed night at Burnley or Stoke over the ivory towers of Harvard every single day of the week.

The Sheffield United striker has zero regrets about snubbing America's most famous university to take up a career in football.

For him the brutal, bruising war of the Championship beats a fancy economics degree.

And Bamford, 32, has a clear promotion message for Blades fans ahead of the gruelling new campaign.

He said: "We're going to try everything we can to go up.

"And the fans should just know that's what all the players are aiming for and what we're hopefully heading towards."

Forget the high-society lecture halls and quiet libraries. The forward has famous brains as well as footballing brawn.

He famously turned down the chance to study at Ivy League giants Harvard back in the day.

But when the winter grind kicks in, he never wishes he was sitting in a warm Massachusetts classroom instead.

Asked if studying in America ever sounds more appealing during three-game weeks, Bamford was brutally honest.

He said: "No, I think that as bad as it sounds, that was always my back-up plan.

"It might sound silly not to want to go to one of the world's top universities – but I always wanted to be a footballer from as young as I can remember."

It takes a serious work ethic to make it to the very top. And Bamford had to strike a strict deal with his parents to chase his sporting dream.

He revealed: "I always had a promise with my mum and dad that they'd support me in football as long as I always got my A-levels. And I got good results.

"And yes, that was the deal. And it was something I had to stick to until

WHEN IRONS FACED A BARNES-BURNER

REWIND SEE PAGE 65

TOWNSEND . . . on his return

DEBUTANT CON IS NO

CONOR TOWNSEND is eyeing a sensational rerun on his second West Brom debut.

The 33-year-old defender is back at The Hawthorns following a two-year stint at Ipswich.

Remarkably, his second league bow for the Baggies comes against Norwich – the same opposition he faced on his original debut eight years ago.

That was back in August 2018 in a jaw-dropping seven-goal thriller at Carrow Road.

Townsend recalled: "It was a good game. I came on at half-time after Kieran Gibbs pulled his groin.

"It was a red-hot day and Norwich won the league that year.

"They're good memories and hopefully I can get my second league debut there on Saturday."

That scorching summer afternoon ended in a frantic 4-3 victory for West Brom.

Jay Rodriguez smashed in two goals, while Harvey Barnes and Hal Robson-Kanu also netted.

Now left-back Townsend is eager to make his mark after enduring a long spell crocked on the sidelines. He beamed: "To return after a 16-month absence is amazing."

Albion kick off their Championship campaign against a revived Canaries side who finished ninth last term.

The Canaries stormed up the table following the appointment of boss Philippe Clement.

Townsend said: "They started poorly and then towards the end of the season they had that momentum going.

"There's probably an argument that if they'd had another three

By JUSTIN ALLEN

SET FOR BIG KICK-OFF

LEAGUE...1 LEAGUE...0

zero regrets over Harvard snub

By JUSTIN ALLEN

EXCLUSIVE

I was 18. But football was really always the dream."

And now, that dream is all about getting back to the promised land of the Premier League.

The gruelling 46-game slog of the Championship is notoriously one of the hardest in world football.

It takes much more than just silky skills and expensive squads to get over the line.

Bamford, who joined the Blades in November, knows exactly what it takes to escape the second-tier rat race.

He explained: "Normally it's the teams that have the mentality to turn a loss into a draw or draw into a win.

"And even when it's not pretty, achieve a good result."

That grit is forged deep inside the dressing-room walls. Tactics are great, but team spirit and raw passion are what truly win titles.

Bamford said: "You need a few vocal leaders in the dressing room to keep everyone on song.

"And you must keep everyone pushing in the same direction."

On the pitch, the mission for any front-man is simple: score goals.

And the star has a very straightforward philosophy when it comes to hitting the back of the net.

It is not about over complicating things or waiting for the perfect tactical blueprint.

Bamford said: "I think that you need to find yourself in between the posts – goal side of the penalty spot.

"Try and finish the attack in the middle of the goal.

"Because you'd be amazed just by being in there, you seem to be in the right place all the time."

It is a clever knack that separates the good strikers from the great ones.

He added: "Sometimes it gets there and sometimes it doesn't. But you'd be amazed how many easy goals you get from just being in the right place.

"I think that's something you kind of learn as you gain experience."

Modern football relies heavily on technology and complex data.

Managers and analysts spend hours breaking down every single movement on the pitch.

But the savvy forward likes to keep things sharp and focused.

Former Middlesbrough and Leeds star Bamford explained: "I'd look at the other team before and see where the chances are coming from. I'm going to look for isolation during the game.

"I'm analysing chances – just seeing what I could do better. What I think I did wrong or what decision I made that was wrong."

Yet the one-cap England man knows you cannot ever let the bad days linger in your mind.

He added: "There are also some games where I just seem to forget about it all. It's not always going to go your way."

Away from the pitch, finding a proper balance is completely vital.

The mental pressure of the game can easily weigh players down.

Bamford admits it is almost impossible to fully switch off from the sport.

He said: "I think it's important to have other aspects to your life.

"Other things that take your mind off football. But it is very hard to not have your mind on football all the time."

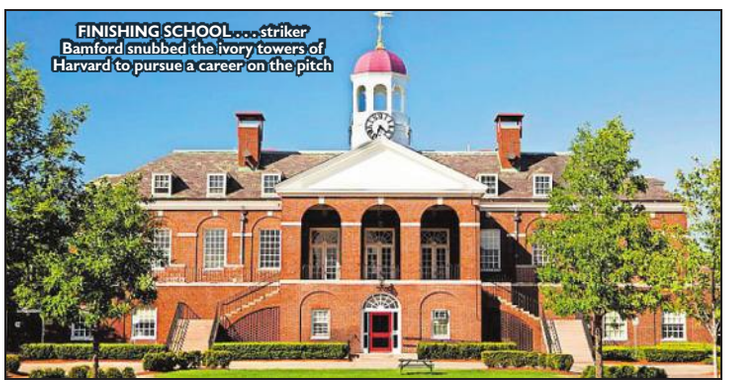
The summer break offers only a tiny window of peace.

He added: "You only really truly have a little bit of time away from thinking football for the first two weeks or so of the off season.

"And then after that you're thinking about starting to do stuff to get yourself ready for pre-season. You don't have that much time."

To cope, the former Nottingham Forest academy kid looks for distractions.

He said: "I think having hobbies and other things that maybe direct your attention sometimes will help."



FINISHING SCHOOL . . . striker Bamford snubbed the ivory towers of Harvard to pursue a career on the pitch

ONE AND DONE

or four weeks, they'd have been in the play-offs.

"They would have been one of the favourites to go up."

Meanwhile, Clement knows expectations at Carrow Road have skyrocketed – but insists his biggest battle is managing egos inside his squad.

The Belgian guided Norwich out of the relegation zone after taking over in November, and he expects an even tougher test against high-quality opposition like Albion.

Clement said: "The biggest challenge for me this season is to keep this unity. To keep the ego outside of the dressing room, where everybody keeps fighting for the club, for the team, for their team-mates.

"They have been hungry all pre-season.

"There's been an incredible vibe in the group.

"It's really important everybody keeps their feet on the ground and continues working hard because next is a team with more quality.

"We need to raise levels again because we have a tough start to the season against good teams."

WON'T BACK TOWN . . . defender Townsend crunches into a tackle on his first Albion bow in 2018

RAUL MODEL . . . returning hero Jimenez's late penalty saved Wolves

Star man Jim gets Wolves out of a jam!

By JUSTIN ALLEN

RAUL JIMENEZ scored a stoppage-time penalty to save Wolves from a losing start to life back in the Championship.

The Mexican – back at Molineux for a second spell – kept his cool to slot home after Ryan Alebiosu handled a Jackson Tchatchoua cross.

Jimenez's family paid for fans behind the goal to have "Si Senor" scarves for his return and he gave them a fist-bump after his late present saved a point.

It looked like Andri Gudjohnsen had completed a stunning comeback win for Blackburn.

The Icelandic ace pounced three minutes after the break to silence the Molineux faithful.

Tony Mowbray's Rovers were good value for the lead having given their relegated hosts a warning shot of what to expect this season.

Wolves looked likely to kick on after Marshall Munetsi fired them into an 18th-minute lead.

But Sean McLoughlin headed his first Rovers goal to level the scores nine minutes later.

You could almost hear a pin drop in the home stands as Gudjohnsen pounced.

It certainly gave new Wolves boss Cesar Peixoto plenty to think about as his side struggled to match Rovers' intensity.

Signing Jimenez back from Fulham and Kieran Trippier from Newcastle were smart pieces of business for Wolves.

Jimenez's wife, the actress and TV host Daniela Basso, joined him on the pitch before kick off

The Mexico striker had five successful years at Wolves before moving to Fulham in 2023.

And Jimenez, a 60th-minute substitute, elevated his hero status at Molineux even further three minutes into injury-time after being given the chance by Alebiosu's clumsy handball.

Wolves 2
Blackburn 2

Wolves dominated early possession but it was Rovers who almost broke the deadlock.

Oladapo Afolayan got on the end of a lovely Alebiosu cross but his header just flashed inches high and wide.

Then Ryoya Morishita powered forward into a promising position but his pass was just slightly ahead of Todd Cantwell.

But Wolves went ahead when Munetsi raced clean through before slotting past Balazs Toth.

Rovers got themselves level when the lively Morishita curled in a fine cross and McLoughlin glanced a header past Dan Bentley.

Hoth almost dropped a clanger after completely missing the ball as he attempted to punch out a Trippier header.

The ball was bouncing back towards his own goal but he just clawed it out of danger.

Wolves almost levelled when Fer Lopez cleared the bar by inches with a 25-yard rocket.

Mateus Mane was even closer after he latched on to a lovely flick from Trippier but his shot whistled millimetres over!

Molineux was stunned into silence by another great Rovers move after the break when Gudjohnsen steered home Afolayan's low cross.

Blackburn almost made it 3-1 but Alebiosu's cross was just narrowly in front of Gudjohnsen.

Then the late drama and Mowbray said: "It looks outside the box to me on the stills."

MATCH STATS

WOLVES		BLACKBURN
18	SHOTS	10
3	SHOTS ON TARGET	5
55%	POSSESSION	45%
501	PASSES	399
428	COMPLETED PASSES	324
22	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	15
5	CORNERS	5
10	FOULS CONCEDED	16
1/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	3/0

(3.0 unless stated)

TODAY

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

Bolton v Preston North End 12.30
1 Bristol City v Millwall .....
2 Charlton v Derby .....
3 Middlesbrough v Lincoln City .....
4 Norwich v West Brom .....
5 Portsmouth v QPR .....
6 Stoke v Swansea .....
7 Sheff Utd v Birmingham (Sky Sports Main Event) 5.30

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

10 Barnsley v Bromley .....
11 Blackpool v Wycombe .....
12 Bradford v Peterborough .....
13 Burton Albion v Stevenage .....
14 Cambridge Utd v Wigan .....
15 Huddersfield v AFC Wimbledon .....
16 Leyton Orient v Sheff Wed .....
17 Mansfield v Doncaster .....
Notts C v Leicester (Sky Sports Main Event) 12.30
Oxford Utd v Milton Keynes Dons 12.30
18 Plymouth v Stockport County .....
Reading v Luton 12.30

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

Accrington Stanley v Colchester .....
Barnet v Salford City .....
Cheltenham v Rotherham .....
Chesterfield v Fleetwood Tn .....
Crawley Tn v Crewe .....
Gillingham v Walsall .....
Grimsby v Exeter .....
Newport County v Rochdale 12.30
Northampton v Swindon .....
Oldham v Port Vale 12.30
Tranmere v Shrewsbury .....
York v Bristol Rovers (Sky Sports Football) .....

PREMIER SPORTS CUP SECOND ROUND

Aberdeen v Dundee .....
Dundee Utd v Celtic (Premier Sports) 5.45
Dunfermline v Ross County .....

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE ONE - Alloa v Montrose, East Kilbride v Cove Rangers, Hamilton v Airdrieonians, Peterhead v East Fife.

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE TWO - Annan Athletic v Clyde, Dumbarton v Edinburgh City, Elgin v Kelty Hearts, Forfar v Stirling, Stranraer v Spartans.

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL - Aldershot v Hartlepool, Barrow v Hornchurch, FC Halifax v Boreham Wood, Gateshead v Woking, Kidderminster v Eastleigh, Solihull Moors v Boston Utd, Southend v Scunthorpe, Sutton Utd v Altrincham, Tamworth v AFC Fylde, Wealdstone v Harrogate Tn, Worthing v Forest Green, Yeovil v Carlisle.

FRIENDLY MATCHES - Borussia M'gladbach v Aston Villa (2.30), Brentford v Eintracht Frankfurt, Brighton v Bologna, Chelsea v Real Sociedad (2.0), Everton v Lille, Freiburg v Crystal Palace (1.0), Fulham v Stuttgart (4.0), Hull v Nice, Leeds v Augsburg (2.0), Mainz v AFC Bournemouth (2.30), Man Utd v AC Milan (3.45), Newcastle v Bayer Leverkusen, Sunderland v Rennes, Tottenham v Hoffenheim, Union Berlin v Ipswich (2.30).

LA LIGA

19 Alaves v Getafe 6.30
20 Sevilla v Rayo Vallecano 8.30

PORTUGUESE LIGA NOS

Alverca v Estrela 3.30
24 Viseu v Santa Clara 6.0
25 Rio Ave v FC Porto 8.30

DUTCH EREDIVISIE

30 Utrecht v AZ 5.45
31 Excelsior v PSV 7.0
Fortuna Sittard v Cambuur 8.0
Willem II v NEC 3.30

BELGIUM FIRST DIVISION

35 Union Saint Gilloise v Zulte-Waregem .....
36 Genk v Westerlo 7.45
Kortrijk v Antwerp 5.15
37 OH Leuven v Club Brugge 7.45

AUSTRIAN BUNDESLIGA

41 Austria Lustenau v Wolfsberger AC 4.0
Sturm Graz v Rheindorf Altach 6.30

TURKISH SUPER LIG

Gaziantep v Alanyaspor 7.30
45 Kasimpasa v Trabzonspor 5.0
46 Konyaspor v Rizespor 5.0
47 Genclerbirligi v Fenerbahce 7.30

TOMORROW

FA COMMUNITY SHIELD

Arsenal v Man City (TNT Sports 1) .....

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

8 Watford v S'thampton (Sky Sports Main Event) .. 1.30
9 Burnley v West Ham (Sky Sports Main Event) 4.0

PREMIER SPORTS CUP SECOND ROUND

Hearts v Inverness CT 2.0
Hibernian v Partick 2.0
Rangers v St Mirren (Premier Sports) 4.0
Stenhousemuir v Motherwell 2.0

FRIENDLY MATCHES - Liverpool v Como (6.0), Newcastle v Strasbourg (4.0), Nottm Forest v Brest (2.0), Tottenham v Hoffenheim (12.0).

LA LIGA

21 Racing Santander v Villarreal 4.0
22 Espanyol v Levante 6.0
23 Celta Vigo v Osasuna ..... THU, PANEL

PORTUGUESE LIGA NOS

Arouca v Moreirense 6.0
26 Famalicao v Maritimo 8.30
27 Nacional v Estoril 3.30
28 Braga v Gil Vicente 8.30
29 Casa Pia v Benfica ..... MON, Panel

DUTCH EREDIVISIE

ADO Den Haag v Groningen 11.15
32 Twente v PEC Zwolle 1.30
33 Feyenoord v Go Ahead Eagles 1.30
34 Ajax v Heerenveen 3.45

AUSTRIAN BUNDESLIGA

42 Hartberg v Austria Vienna 4.0
43 WSG Tirol v Red Bull Salzburg 4.0
44 Rapid Vienna v Grazer 6.0

BELGIUM FIRST DIVISION

38 Beveren v Anderlecht 12.30
39 La Louviere v Gent .....
Lommel v Charleroi 6.15
40 Mechelen v Standard Liege 5.30

TURKISH SUPER LIG

Amedspor v Erzurumspor 7.30
48 Istanbul Basaksehir v Kocaelispor 5.0
49 Besiktas v Eyupspor 7.30

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IN RUUD HEALTH

THE CHELSEA PENSIONERS

Gullit: Hendo & Welbs just what Blues need

A SAFE VET . . . Gullit applauded veteran signings Welbeck (right) and Henderson

CHELSEA legend Ruud Gullit believes veterans Jordan Henderson and Danny Welbeck can take the Blues to the next level.

By **DAN KING**

When Dutch superstar Gullit came to Stamford Bridge in 1995, just a few months shy of his 33rd birthday, it marked the beginning of a new era for the West London club.

And the former midfield dynamo says thirty-somethings Henderson and Welbeck bring the experience and authority Chelsea's otherwise young squad has needed for so long.

Ex-Liverpool midfielder Henderson arrived from Brentford and striker Welbeck from Brighton.

And Gullit *(right)*, 63, said: "It's funny. We spent so much time discussing how Chelsea lacked experience, now they have added pure experience.

"Their previous issue was a complete lack of veteran presence.

"Henderson and Welbeck will be crucial in the dressing room and on the training pitch. They can advise younger players on what mistakes to avoid.

"Their impact isn't just measured by matchday minutes, it's what they do during the week. You need that guidance in a squad, so the signings make total sense."

Chelsea fans spent much of last season slamming the owners and recruitment chiefs for their policy of signing mainly young players.

Stamford Bridge supremo Behdad Eghbali pledged to bring in "ready-made" players to complement talent like Brazil's teenage sensation Estevao.

Henderson, 36, won everything as Reds skipper, while Welbeck, 35, has been a Prem striker for nearly 18 years.

And while some of the Stamford Bridge faithful are not convinced the pair are right, Gullit gives BlueCo credit for recognising their mistakes.

And he reckons England duo Henderson and Welbeck, along with new Spanish manager Xabi Alonso, can make a real difference.

Gullit added: "The new ownership had a vision, but it failed in execution because they arrived with zero background or experience in football.

"American sports management models don't translate directly to European football.

"They initially thought they could win exclusively with young prospects. But who guides those players when things go wrong?

"On the pitch, they looked frantic and hasty – always playing in fifth gear without any composure or ability to dictate the tempo.

"Now, appointing a manager with a strong footballing background and adding experienced players shows they are finally adjusting their philosophy."

Gullit became Blues' player-manager when Glenn Hoddle left to boss England in 1996.

He led a team featuring Gianfranco Zola, Gianluca Vialli and Roberto di Matteo to FA Cup glory in his first season in charge – before being sacked in February 1998.

Alonso is Chelsea's **SIXTH** permanent manager since the BlueCo takeover in May 2022.

But Blues chiefs have vowed to give the former Real Madrid and Bayer Leverkusen boss time to make an impact now.

Gullit, speaking on behalf of NY Sports Day, said: "Alonso will want to prove himself after how things ended at Real Madrid.

"He has all the qualities to be a top manager, and he brings that experience with him. It won't happen overnight – he needs time to evaluate a large squad and establish his core group."

NO FERNANDEZ DEAL

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courted a move away from Chelsea since March.

Now that the Blues' deadline has passed he is expected to be part of Xabi Alonso's squad.

After becoming boss last month, Alonso said he wanted to keep the former Benfica man at Stamford Bridge. Fernandez, who joined Chelsea for £106m in 2023, is back in training after the World Cup.

He could feature under Alonso for the first time today in a friendly against Real Sociedad.

City viewed Fernandez as a possible replacement for Rodri, who is nearing a move to Barcelona. City hope to get £70m for Spain's World Cup-winning captain, who flew back to Liverpool on a Ryanair flight on Thursday night.

Maresca said: "I've just seen Rodri in the building, I gave him a big hug.

"He looks good. So, we'll see what happens."

GORDON . . . values

REDS

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Eduardo Saverin, plus entrepreneur Bryan Baum of K5 Sport, will generate a huge uplift in income and spending power.

In a statement, owners FSG said: "The strategic investment supports Liverpool's long-term growth ambitions by bringing together experts from across global business, technology and investment.

"The consortium will work with FSG and the club's leadership team to evaluate opportunities that enhance objectives on and off the pitch.

"FSG continues to retain majority ownership and operational control."

Mike Gordon, FSG president, said: "Liverpool has always been built by thinking beyond one season and making decisions with the club's long-term interests in mind.

"That approach continues to attract interest from respected investors around the world.

"As we considered this opportunity, it became clear that Amit and the consortium shared our long-term philosophy and appreciation for what makes Liverpool special."

Supporters group Spirit of Shankly feared FSG may have been triggering a full sale, insisting the control of the club is "fundamental to us all".

But Bhatia said: "We are incredibly proud to be investing in Liverpool.

"We have the utmost respect and admiration for FSG as owners and for everything they have achieved at Anfield.

"To be welcomed as a partner in a club of this stature is a huge privilege.

"We are making this investment because we believe deeply in Liverpool and we look forward to supporting the club's continued success for years to come."

WHISTLE-STOP TOUR

Rules out for the summer!

NINE CHANGES IN NEW TERM

LONG ARM OF THE LAW . . . refs like Robert Jones have new rules to enforce

SUNSPORT'S ETIENNE FERMIE looks at the nine new laws set to be implemented in the Premier League this season.

Five of them that do not involve VAR will also be in action across English football, starting with the Community Shield and EFL this weekend.

1 ENGLISH referees will now have the power to trigger five-second countdowns if players dawdle over throw-ins.

If it is not taken in time, it will be awarded to the other team.

This will not come into effect for long throws as they are considered set-piece routines.

2 GOALKEEPERS, meanwhile, will also have to watch how long they take over goal kicks. Should they break the five-second rule, a corner can be awarded to their opponents.

3 FANS often groan when a referee stops the game after an opposition player has stayed down.

Now if this happens, the player in question will have to leave the pitch for a minute, even if they were not seen by the physio.

This will not apply if they have been fouled and the offending player has been carded for the offence.

4 ANOTHER trend that has crept into the game in recent years is the "goalkeeper timeout".

Now if a stopper is seen by a physio their manager will have ten seconds to nominate an outfield player to go off for a minute.

Should they fail to inform the fourth official within that time, the captain will be forced off instead.

This will not come into play if the goalkeeper has been fouled or is bleeding.

5 IN 2024, Aston Villa's Tyrone Mings *(left)* controversially conceded a penalty in the Champions League after placing his hand on the ball during a goal-kick routine.

Ref chiefs have now clarified any kick of the ball will be treated as the goalkeeper having taken it.

The remaining four changes pertain to the use of VAR, meaning that obviously they will not affect the rest of English football below the top tier.

6 LIKE at the World Cup this summer, VAR will be able to review second yellow cards.

This will only apply to ones that actually have been handed out and **NOT** potential second bookings that did not come to pass.

7 VAR will also be able to review set-piece goals for if a foul was committed prior to the kick being taken. Should this be the case, then the goal will be chalked off and set-piece retaken.

8 AND VAR will also be able to correct acts of mistaken identity by the on-field referee. For example, if a player has been carded, but the offence was actually committed by another player, VAR will intervene to see the right player penalised.

This will not be implemented as it was during the World Cup though.

Tim Ream *(left)* was initially booked for a foul during the United States' clash with Paraguay.

The VAR stepped in and eventually Miguel Almiron was penalised for a dive instead.

For the mistaken identity rule to come into play, it must be for the same offence.

9 SUBSTITUTED players will no longer be able to take an age to trudge off the pitch. They now have ten seconds to go off, or their replacement will have to wait a **MINUTE** before coming on.

Middlesbrough's Will Lankshear was the first to fall foul of this rule in the Carabao Cup last week, insisting he "didn't know" about the change.

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COMMUNITY SHIELD 2026

Arteta: My City rivalry never Enz

MIKEL'S RELISHING MARESCA BATTLE AFTER PIPPING PEP

FINALLY . . . Arteta lifts the Prem after several near-misses

MIKEL ARTETA finally toppled his old mentor Pep Guardiola to win the Prem title last season.

But the Arsenal manager is not expecting an easier ride this term, even though "the best coach in the history of football" has left.

Enzo Maresca is the man tasked with stepping into Guardiola's sizeable shoes – and tomorrow marks a new chapter in the Gunners' rivalry with Manchester City.

The two sides face each other in Cardiff for the traditional Community Shield season-opener and Arteta is braced for the first of many tough battles with Maresca and Co.

The Spaniard said: "Enzo has the personality, character, and especially the knowledge, to do an unbelievable job.

"That's why he's been selected – because they could probably pick anybody. They've gone for Enzo, for the right reasons.

"He has demonstrated that at every level. I've no doubt he'll do a great job.

"Now it's Enzo, who is as good as him (Guardiola). Because I know him well and he will provide something different to the

SAKA . . . available

STAY

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is not going to be an issue. My will, certainly, is to be here — and I am very happy here.

"My feeling from the club is the same. That's why everyone is doing things in an organic way."

The Gunners are keen to add an attacker but Arteta has been shocked by the big transfer deals this summer, with target Morgan Rogers joining Chelsea for £117million.

Asked if the fees were a surprise, Arteta said: "Yes. I wouldn't have bet.

"That's the market. It means clubs are happy to invest or believe that the valuations of those players are fair."

The boss does want to keep Ethan Nwaneri, 19, though he admits the midfielder may have to leave for more game time.

AC Milan, Borussia Dortmund, Fulham, Galatasaray and RB Leipzig are all interested after his loan spell at Marseille last term.

But Arteta, 44, said: "I want him here. But in the medium, long term, what is best for the player? Ethan needs to play football."

Bukayo Saka, Declan Rice and Martin Zubimendi are all set to be in the squad tomorrow — despite missing Wednesday's friendly with Como.

Gunners eye Jarell

By CHARLIE WYETT

JARELL QUANSAH has emerged as a target for Arsenal with the Bayer Leverkusen defender keen on a return to England.

The Gunners have held a strong interest in Aston Villa's Ezri Konsa but are not willing to meet his club's £60million demands.

Quansah would cost less, although Leverkusen still want more than the £30m they paid his old side Liverpool a year ago.

Boss Mikel Arteta, who is without the injured William Saliba, 25, is desperate to sign a central defender.

The champions are also looking at bringing in a left-winger, although the chances of securing a big name are dwindling.

Aged 23, Quansah is five years younger than England team-mate Konsa and he can play at both right-back and in central defence, with Arteta loving the player's versatility.

Quansah has six caps and has been a regular in Thomas Tuchel's squads over the past 18 months.

He was sent off in the last-16 win over Mexico at the World Cup.

Tomorrow, 3pm

ARSENAL v MAN CITY

ON GUARD . . . Arteta clashes with Matheus Nunes and Guardiola on the touchline during Arsenal's 2-1 defeat at the Etihad in April — having won the Prem working at City under Pep (top right)

LAST 15 COMMUNITY SHIELD WINNERS

AMAZINGLY only ONE of the last 15 Community Shield winners has gone on to lift the Prem nine months later — Pep Guardiola's Manchester City in 2018-19.

Before then, the last time a team won the season opener and went on to win the Prem title was Sir Alex Ferguson and his Man United side in 2010-11.

Guehi... Palace 2025

	SHIELD WINNERS		PREM WINNERS	
2011	Man Utd	2011-12	Man City	✗
2012	Man City	2012-13	Man Utd	✗
2013	Man Utd	2013-14	Man City	✗
2014	Arsenal	2014-15	Chelsea	✗
2015	Arsenal	2015-16	Leicester	✗
2016	Man Utd	2016-17	Chelsea	✗
2017	Arsenal	2017-18	Man City	✗
2018	Man City	2018-19	MAN CITY	✓
2019	Man City	2019-20	Liverpool	✗
2020	Arsenal	2020-21	Man City	✗
2021	Leicester	2021-22	Man City	✗
2022	Liverpool	2022-23	Man City	✗
2023	Arsenal	2023-24	Man City	✗
2024	Man City	2024-25	Liverpool	✗
2025	C Palace	2025-26	Arsenal	✗

TURNOVER GONE MAD AT ETIHAD

ENZO MARESCA is amazed how much Manchester City's squad changed while he was away.

By MARTIN BLACKBURN

And the Etihad upheaval might not be finished — with 2½ weeks left before the transfer window closes.

Only a handful of players remain from when the Italian left his position as Pep Guardiola's No2 — in the wake of City's Treble three years ago — to take charge of Leicester.

Maresca, 46, said: "Players that were here for many years have already left.

"That means there is a change and we are doing our best. Bernardo Silva, John Stones and Nathan Ake have already gone.

"We will see what happens with some others."

Erling Haaland, Phil Foden and Ruben Dias, who Maresca worked with under Guardiola, will definitely be sticking around for Maresca's first season as City boss.

But three other members of that history-making squad — Rodri, Jack Grealish and Rico Lewis — could all potentially leave before the end of the month.

And there are question marks over more who arrived at the Etihad while Maresca was away.

Savinho has his heart set on a move to Tottenham, who have also been linked with fellow forward Omar Marmoush.

Tijjani Reijnders is heading to Saudi Arabia less than a year after arriving from Milan.

Midfielders Nico Gonzalez and Mateo Kovacic have both indicated they want to stay — but that has not stopped them being linked with moves.

Stability was key to City sweeping to four straight Prem titles before missing out in the past two seasons.

But the turnover has been incredible since they hit the skids in 2024.

And there is plenty to be sorted out as they head into the Community Shield against Arsenal in Cardiff tomorrow.

Maresca said: "There are things we need to do in the transfer market.

"How many, I don't know. It can be one, it can be two — it depends on how many players are going to leave.

"When the transfer window closes we need to be good enough to find solutions for the team as soon as possible.

"For now my focus is not on who might arrive or leave.

"The focus is on how we arrive at the game and try to win."

Despite Elliot Anderson's club-record £116million signing from Nottingham Forest, midfield remains of focus.

Much could depend on whether Barcelona stump up close to £70 million to sign Rodri — which would leave City looking for a replacement.

Maresca added: "It is a big challenge because Bernardo showed how good he is, on the ball, off the ball.

"But Elliot arrived. We are completely sure he will do a great job for this club in the next one, two three, four, five years — no doubt about that.

"They are different players but we are going to try to use Elliot in the best way for him and for the team."

City ended last season seven points behind Arsenal and Maresca's big target is to win back the Prem title from Mikel Arteta's men.

Maresca said: "Arsenal are a fantastic team, well coached by Mikel. Last year they won the league and showed how good they are.

"But we are City — we want to close the gap."

Guardiola used to count the Community Shield in his trophy haul — including it makes the total he won at City 20 rather than 17.

And Maresca said: "For me, it is a trophy and when the trophy is there you are always trying to win it.

"It's not a friendly game at all. We will try our best to win our first cup."

ALL CHANGE . . . but Maresca intends to challenge for title

By SIMON COLLINGS

club." Arteta spoke about City yesterday for the first time since Guardiola left the Etihad at the end of last season.

The Spanish pair were close, first crossing paths when Arteta came through Barcelona's academy and later when he joined Guardiola's staff at City.

Naturally, that relationship changed while the two fought as rival managers for the title over the past four years.

But they were still close enough for Arteta to suspect that last season could be Guardiola's final one in Manchester.

He said: "I had some feeling and understanding this could be the case.

"But as well because you could sense it in the last year that it was close, a situation like this happening.

"But with someone like him, he can wake up in the morning and still get so excited about what he sees around him. And to carry on doing it for ten years — that is incredible. He is the best coach in the history of football, for many reasons.

"He's done it in different countries, in different ways. But in a sustainable and consistent way, which is the hardest thing. It's so difficult to play against him."

Arteta joked: "He will be missed in the Premier League. But I don't know if coaches are going to miss him so much!"

City were always the yardstick Arsenal measured themselves by under Arteta.

That was in part because the Spaniard spent 3½ years there under Guardiola. It meant he knew the inner workings at one of the Prem's greatest teams, and what it takes to reach the top.

That is why it was even sweeter for Arteta to lift the title last season, as it meant beating the coach he looked up to.

He said: "It was one of the biggest challenges I've faced. I know the standards, the background, the stability. They had the quality to go and do it again.

"It's pushing boundaries time after time at every level, and every department of the club, to try to reach this level.

"I was very lucky to be part of that for four years and understand and witness how it's done daily. When I arrived at Arsenal, I had a sense in terms of distance and years how far we were behind.

"Because I was there and could witness the daily operation and the level. To be able to win it in the time that we've done it, we should feel proud of it."

Maresca, like Arteta, is another disciple of Guardiola after also spending time as part of his coaching staff.

The Italian's stint at City did not overlap with Arteta, but the Arsenal boss said yesterday how he "knows him well".

Both have, clearly, benefitted from working under Guardiola and one of his greatest legacies is teeing up what could become the Prem's next great rivalry.

Arteta said: "Pep has escalated the Premier League to a different level."

He ended his praise of Guardiola by describing their battles as a "pleasure".

That is, perhaps, easy to say given the Gunners boss ended it with a Premier League medal around his neck.

But, either way, Arteta is already looking forward to future showdowns with Maresca — and tomorrow is the chance to draw first blood.

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Arteta so happy to stay

MIKEL ARTETA told Arsenal fans not to worry after virtually confirming he will extend his Emirates contract.

By SIMON COLLINGS

The Gunners boss *(left)* is into the final 12 months of his deal but will land a pay rise on his £10million-a-year salary.

Arsenal, who want to tie down Arteta after he led them to Prem title glory last season, face Manchester City in the Community Shield in Cardiff tomorrow.

Arteta said: "The fans don't have to worry about any of that, because I want to be here.

"I am extremely happy. I feel very grateful to work with the people that I work with – and, when we have the possibility, we will resolve this. And that's it.

"But of course there is always another priority!

"That's the way we have been treating it – because everybody feels comfortable that the time on the contract

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NO DEAL

Deadline passes on City Fernandez bid

By JACK ROSSER

ENZO FERNANDEZ looks set to stay at Chelsea after no bids were made for him yesterday.

Manchester City boss Enzo Maresca wanted a reunion with the Argentina star but the Blues imposed a 5pm cut-off for any offers.

City insiders feel the Blues want rid of Fernandez – albeit for the maximum fee – yet they do not value the midfielder at Chelsea's £120million asking price.

Fernandez, 25, and his agent Javier Pastore have

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Bezos in at Reds

By KEN LAWRENCE

LIVERPOOL have sold 30 per cent of the club to a consortium which includes Amazon founder Jeff Bezos.

American Bezos, the world's fourth-richest man, with a personal fortune of £207billion, is part of a group led by ex-QPR director Amit Bhatia, who is set to become the Reds' vice-chairman.

His involvement will give new boss Andoni Iraola greater spending power after US owners Fenway Sports Group flogged almost a third of their shares.

The influence brought by Bezos *(above)*, along with 1892 Holdings, Facebook co-founder

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Keely is pipped

By ROB MAUL

KEELY HODGKINSON was denied a record hat-trick of European 800 metres golds.

The Brit, 24, had to settle for silver as she finished 0.21 seconds behind Swiss superstar Audrey Werro.

She said: "I'd be happier with gold. It was

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RUNNER-UP Brit Keely Hodgkinson got silver medal

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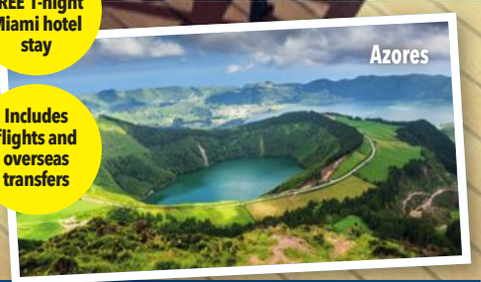

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Clive can Pull away

By JACK KEENE

CLIVE COX is playing good Cop in today's Hungerford Stakes.

The Lambourn trainer has decided to step his classy three-year-old sprinter Coppull up to seven furlongs for the first time at Newbury.

After solid runs in defeat in both the Commonwealth Cup and July Cup over shorter, Cox (*right*) had been considering waiting for the Sprint Cup next month.

But seeing how the three-year-old would get on over further is a scratch he wanted to itch.

He said: "I was thrilled with his run in the July Cup and I think with a little bit of a cleaner run through the last 100 metres it could have gone our way.

"I'm pleased that he's in good form and it will be very interesting to see how he gets on.

"I was a little on the fence

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York next for Kal gal

By JACK KEENE

KING GEORGE winner Kalpana heads a top-class field in next week's Yorkshire Oaks.

Andrew Balding's top mare downed Calandagan and co for a famous win in Ascot's big race on July 25, and she is stopping off at York before her date with destiny in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in October.

Juddmonte racing manager Barry Mahon said: "York is a beautiful track, she came out of the King George in good form and there's not a lot for her between now and the Arc and the Fillies' and Mares at Ascot, so we said we'd try to take this in en route."

Kalpana (*left*) could face a maximum of 14 rivals in Thursday's Group 1, including Irish Oaks winner Johanna Walsh and Minnie Hauk.

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By TEMPLEGATE

ACCLAIM can earn all the plaudits at sunny Newbury this afternoon.

GREAT ACCLAIM (2.35, nap) was unlucky not to win at Royal Ascot when flying home late to take third in the Buckingham Palace.

That was on the back of a fine runner-up effort from a poor draw in the Victoria Cup.

Eve Johnson Houghton's five-year-old was given too much to do at the same course last time and deserves to scoop one of these pots.

He has course form to his name and the yard are going good guns at the moment.

SWIPED (3.55 Ripon, nb) has hit a rich vein of form and can bring up his hat-trick.

Ralph Beckett's improver has won handicaps nicely at Epsom and Sandown, and can take a further 6lb rise in his stride.

Rhys Clutterbuck is 3-3 on him and continues their association this afternoon.

EABHA (3.13 Newmarket, trb) can land a hat-trick of her own.

The Johnson Houghton-trained filly is back at the scene of her latest victory and has the assistance of Billy Loughnane in the saddle.

THE GREAT AND GOOD . . . Great Acclaim can strike at Newbury again for trainer Eve Johnson Houghton (*left, inset*)

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MY 83-year-old mum frequents a "dodgy" business. At least that's according to the Prime Minister.

Is she "dodgy" too then, Andy? Shame on you. Shame on you.

I know how Andy Burnham considers my old mum because he believes betting shops are run by "dodgy" operators.

So that surely means my mum is "dodgy" as well, as she goes to her local betting shop every day. More of Burnham wanting to destroy her much-loved pastime later.

Politicians talking and making decisions on subjects they know little about has long been problematic. Burnham, despite coming from the home of the Grand National, clearly doesn't understand gambling or racing.

It means the Sport of Kings in Britain (I'd like to say Great Britain, but who truly believes it's great anymore?) – which is the second most watched in the country and lauded on a global scale – is in big, big trouble.

Anyone who reads this column will know that has been the case for some time, as I've been writing about the potential disasters ahead for an age. It has been utterly depressing. I'd love to just pen words about the incredible horses who love to run.

But it's worse now than under 'Starmer' or the Conservatives, who let's not forget started the rot via a disastrous and totally out-of-control quango in the shape of the Gambling Commission.

What's dodgy about a betting shop, Andy?

Horse-racing betting and gaming duties are estimated to bring in approximately £4billion to the UK in 2025-26. It's strange Government doesn't want the cash. Rest assured when that is wiped out you and I will be the only people making up for the lost dosh.

Even more bizarre and indefensible is that Government wants to drive addicts to the unregulated Black Market while ruining a sport that could be boosted – rather than hindered – by those in power to the good of everyone.

And that includes those who bet too much. A regulated system will always be best for the very small majority who struggle with any addictions.

In Hong Kong and Australia, Governments see horse racing as a thriving world where people enjoy themselves. Not here, people. Not here.

What is sickening is that in Britain it's impossible for the people to question those in charge and to ever get an answer why? Why are you doing this, Mr Burnham?

The PM has promised not only to crack down on bookies but also vape stores and, in his words, rogue high street operators which he sees as "dodgy". Not pubs, by the way? Oh no, Burnham wants to be one of the lads' sipping beers in a pub. He thinks that is cool.

Perhaps, Andy, consider my mum.

Adopted and with no family other than me, her son, and her daughter Zoe, Mrs Chapman has loved horses and horse racing for as long as I can remember.

She would have been the one who encouraged us as a family to go to Fontwell and Sandown. I remember those happy days out well.

Dad died in 1997, and since then mum has been alone at home.

Her love for horse racing, watching it on the TV and having a bet each day has been a constant comfort.

Aged 83, mum can still drive and the marbles are all there. She wakes up, gets her newspaper, goes through the runners, picks out a few for small bets and walks down to her local bookmaker.

Now many bookmakers have changed. We all know that. But hers remains the only place where she lives where she consistently sees the same faces and the staff welcome her and say hello.

The process keeps mum's mind active, her legs moving and gives her an interest in something that happens every day. Genuinely it makes her life better.

Burnham, though, thinks that is dodgy.

And his followers do as well. In a tweet from Dawn Butler, the Brent East MP, she merely typed 'lols' to a message from gambling hater Matt Zarb-Cousin who said: "Spare a thought for the gambling industry at this difficult time."

Pathetic people.

Butler, like Burnham, wants to control how you spend your hard-earned cash. They want to control you. Politicians, remember, who think they know better than you whether you should be able to place a wager. You can only laugh. It's disgraceful and if you are not deeply shocked you should be.

What will be next on the Burnham control list? Only time will tell. But if you turn a blind eye to the antics of those in charge you have only to blame yourself when you are also described as "dodgy" and your fun times are taken away. *Yeeehaaa!*

CRAZY TALK . . . Andy Burnham

THERE is rarely a quiet time during the summer for a trainer like William Haggas.

By JACK KEENE

With 200 horses at Somerville Lodge and a host of major targets on the horizon, it's all systems go.

But the next seven days are going to be even busier than usual, with Haggas readying several big guns for races around the country and on the continent.

He has an important Group 1 runner in France tomorrow, but there is every chance he could warm up with a valuable double at Newbury this afternoon.

Because one of his old favourites **Dubai Honour** is back from a four-month lay-off in the Geoffrey Freer Stakes.

The eight-year-old has been around the world several times over, winning three lucrative races in Australia along the way, but his big target over the next few weeks is a little closer to home.

Haggas said: "He's fine, it's good to have him back. He's been an absolute star for the stable.

"The ground might be a little on the quick side for him, it's far from ideal, but I'm trying to get him ready for the Irish St Leger and there is nowhere else to go.

"There is the September Stakes at Kempton but that's too close to the Irish Leger so we'll give it a go. I don't have any real worries about the trip but I do think he'll come on for the run."

That's not the case with **Extremely Zain**, who is ready to rock and roll in today's Hungerford Stakes.

The lightly-raced three-year-old lost his unbeaten record in the International Handicap at Ascot last time, but it's a sign of Haggas's beleif in the horse that he's throwing him into a Group 2 now.

Haggas said: "It's going to be a very interesting race and it's a step up in class for him.

"I think he'd have been second at Ascot last time if the winner hadn't come across him and he probably overdid it a little early on. Hopefully we get a nice, even pace at Newbury.

"We think he's a talented horse and we wouldn't be running him if we didn't think he was capable of going well at this level."

But the main attraction of the weekend is undoubtedly **More Thunder**, last year's Hungerford hero who runs in tomorrow's Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville.

He was a fine second in both the Lockinge and the Queen Anne, and Haggas reckons he was undone by a muddling pace in the Summer Mile last month.

He said: "It was a stupid race at Ascot last time, they went no pace and he didn't have much of a chance. He can be quite slowly into his stride, he takes a bit of warming up, so he did pretty well to finish a close fourth.

"The time people have looked at his finishing speeds up the straight and they say it was exceptional, so that's something.

"He'd run really well in two Group 1s before that.

"We deliberately missed Goodwood for this. It's a strong Group 1 but not the strongest, certainly not now Bow Echo's not there."

As ever, he's also going to have a massive team for York's Ebor Festival, which kicks off on Wednesday. **Earth Shot** looks likely to have a crack at the Yorkshire Oaks on Thursday, **Lake Forest** will tackle the City of York Stakes and **Klassleader** is a leading fancy for the Ebor itself.

Star three-year-old **Maltese Cross** will also head up the A1 on the Haggas horsebox next week.

He runs in the Great Voltigeur Stakes under a penalty after his last-gasp win in in the Grand Prix de Paris last month.

How he performs at York will determine whether he runs in the St Leger next month – or is aimed at the Arc in Paris.

Haggas said: "He's in good shape. I don't like the 5lb penalty, but it is what it is and we've got no other choice if we want to run in the Leger or the Arc. We need to run in a recognised trial.

"Each race he's run in has been better than the previous, he's going the right way. I don't know when it'll stop but we'll find out soon enough."

SOUL MAN PAT

Neville sends strong

By JACK KEENE

JUMPS racing returns with a fascinating card at Perth today after the three-week midsummer break.

And there is a lot to play for in the Sun Racing Summer Jumps Championship, where today's IM Group Handicap Hurdle (2.50) is worth double points in the various title races.

One trainer with a load of chances on the card is Cheltenham Festival winner Patrick Neville, who enjoyed his finest hour when The Real Whacker won the Brown Advisory in 2023.

The Yorkshire-based Irishman is sending six runners across the border, including Cosmic Soul. He runs in the big race of the day but is on a bit of a recovery mission having run a rare poor race when last seen.

He'd rattled off a four-timer before then, and his trainer is expecting him to prove his defeat was a blip.

Neville said: "He just wasn't himself and we aren't sure why, so we've put a line through it.

"It might have been the ground or the way we rode him, but he just didn't run his race and once he was beaten Brian [Hughes] looked after him.

"He seems in very good order

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William the conqueror

HAGGAS HOPES TO WARM UP FOR YORK WITH A TOUCH OF THUNDER

WILL POWER . . . More Thunder one of many big guns William Haggas (*left*) runs in coming days

EYES DOUBLE

team across border

at home and he's had a little bit of time off, so we are hoping he will be back in the mix now."

Mind you, the horse he is most looking forward to running is Follow Your Luck (2.15), who makes his chasing debut.

He was a comfortable winner of both his starts over hurdles at Sedgefield in February, barely breaking a sweat when winning by seven lengths last time.

But his trainer said those victories were a bonus and that he has taken to fences like a duck to water.

He said: "He's very well at home and he has always looked a natural chaser. We won a couple of hurdles races with him last season but we weren't going to hang around getting him over fences. He is a fine big horse and Brian has been in to school him and he's been very good. He looks a nice horse and hopefully we have some good days ahead with him."

But he was keen to stress he has another strong chance on the card with Try Them (1.40), who was only beaten three-quarters of a length on his stable debut at Perth last month.

He added: "We're very hopeful. He ran really well first time for us and I think he's taken a step forward again, so he has a very good chance."

UP FOR IT . . . trainer Patrick Neville

TOP TRAINER

1. Dan Skelton	432
2. Mickey Bowen	191
3. Jonjo & AJ O'Neill	162
4. James Owen	134
5. David Pipe	115

TOP JOCKEY

1. Harry Skelton	429
2. Sean Bowen	335
3. Jonjo O'Neill Jr	137
4. Harry Reed	110
5. G Sheehan	105

TOP SMALLER TRAINER

1. David Pipe	115
2. James Moffatt	102
3. Micky Hammond	92
4. Tristan Davidson	74
5. Nick Scholfield	72

TOP OWNER

1. Hools & Force P'ship	67
2. David Pipe Racing Club	45
3. J McIver	40
4. The Cheeky Pups	38
5. R Nichol	35

HAVANA BLUE looks a Saturday sizzler in the Grey Horse Handicap (2.10, Newmarket).

Julie Camacho's silver shadow rattled the woodwork in a decent dash over this track and trip on his latest jaunt. Conditions are picture-perfect for the Yorkshire terrier today, and he can pour cold water over this lot.

Talking of which, a little birdie tells me Ascot's top brass have got the hosepipes working overtime on the Berkshire circuit's sunbaked jumps course.

And word is the boyos who call the shots at Chepstow are getting jittery about their opening National Hunt card on October 9.

Locals reckon the Welsh gaff is dryer than a Betty Ford clinic, and postponed signs could be slapped on the gates if we don't get a dollop of rain soon.

But it's business as usual for punters' pal Clive Cox (*right*), and the laird of Lambourn can hit a homerun with **COPPULL** in the Hungerford Stakes (3.10, Newbury).

Coxy's cannonball deserves to get his head in front after standing toe-to-toe with some super-slick sprinters this summer. Connections are adamant today's step-up in trip is just what the doctor ordered, and he is ready to burgle the bookies.

Mind you, the layers are holding folding after

Cool Clive to Copp the lot

some chatty chaps from Epsom did their conkers when Mick Attwater's Jackson Street (6s to 4-1) was done up like a kipper on the bend at Lingfield.

Mick's nag will be back for another scrap, and leafy's security team get a gold star after stopping some feisty females from leathering each other with their Louis Vuittons at last weekend's 'Rum & Reggae' evening.

The boys were in like Flynn before any fake tan got smudged, but they would struggle to keep tabs on Jim Boyle's stable star Into The Sky.

Boyler's beaut ran a nailer to finish fourth in the 2,000 Guineas but has been off games since dropping anchor in a top pot at Royal Ascot.

Quick ground flummoxed Jimbo's flyer at His Majesty's knees-up, but he's fighting-fit now and on track for the six-furlong Prix de Meautry at Deauville on August 30.

My pal 'Andy the locksmith' trousered enough for a five-star beano to the French Riviera when John Gosden's Coaxed landed the lolly at Kempton on Wednesday night.

That was double handy, and the king of keys reckons he dipped into his windfall to buy the missus a new fridge – apparently her face lit up when she opened it.

Ed Walker always looks cool as a cucumber, and his cut-glass chums say **GOLDEN KNIGHT** (4.55) is a 24-carat bet in the lucky last at Newbury.

Walker's wannabe spent the spring being revved up for a crack at the Classics. That was mission impossible, but he pinched a tasty prize in July and can do the bizzo under red-hot Hector Crouch.

Finally, the each-way earners have been nibbling at Nigel Tinkler's **LORD ROXBY** in the £100,000 Great St Wilfrid (3.25) at Ripon.

Nige's no-nonsense sprinter took care of a tidy field last time, and the whippet-walkers will be choking on their black pudding if he doesn't finish in the frame.

PULLOUT SEVEN DAYS A WEEK – ALL YOU NEED, ALL THE TIME

Favourite YET MORE COLOURS, TIPS AND SUPER

RIPON ON ITV: 2.55 & 3.25

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM)

TEMPLEGATE

1.45 Coral Cove
2.20 Rogue Jewel
2.55 Grant Wood
3.25 Dark Cloud Rising
3.55 Swiped (nb)
4.30 Talitha Rouge
5.05 Casilli

TOM PEPPER

1.45 Scarlet Dynasty
2.20 Green Bay Dream
2.55 Kats Bob
3.25 Dark Cloud Rising
3.55 Andesite
4.30 Clocker
5.05 Little Ted

TIC-TAC: Right-handed oval track, 1m 5f in extent, which joins the straight course more than 5f from the finish. **DRAW:** Low numbers favoured on the sprint course. **FAVOURITES:** (2021-2026): 215 have won out of 604 races (35.6%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 24 have won out of 83 races (28.9%).

LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

HOT 'N NOT

TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: E Bethell 8 wins from 25 runners; R Carr 5 from 24; R Beckett 7 from 35. **JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days:** Oisin Orr 11 wins from 32 rides; MP Sheehy 4 wins from 12; D Tudhope 9 wins from 35. **TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win:** P Kirby 33; E De Giles 33; P Midgley 33; S Whitaker 26; R Hannon 19; Roger Fell 13; M Hammond 13. **JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win:** A Elliott 109; D Fentiman 54; C Hardie 49; Amie Waugh 35; J F Egan 33; A Brookes 31; Kaiya Fraser 27; D Allan 21; A Mullen 21.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 T Easterby 72-629, D O'Meara 26-213, R & P Fahey 23-194, P Midgley 15-131, M Walford 13-70, A Keatley 12-69, G Tuer 12-100, N Tinkler 12-113. **THIS SEASON:** T Easterby 11, M Walford 5, M & D Easterby 4, G Tuer 4.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 D Allan 47-315, D Tudhope 25-90, J Hart 24-169, D Nolan 16-112, Joanna Mason 13-104, B Garritty 12-78, Oisin Orr 12-86, S B Kirrane 9-80, JP Sullivan 9-102, D Fentiman 9-125. **THIS SEASON:** J Hart 6, Joanna Mason 6, D Allan 5, S B Kirrane 3.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 5.05 Marlena's Prince H Pantall (Fr) to M Hammond.
RACEFAX: D O'Meara won the 3.55 in 2018, 2019 & 2025. T Easterby won the 3.25 in 2017 & 2020, and won the 3.55 in 2016, 2020, 2021 & 2022.
LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Swiped (3.55) & **Musical Accord** (4.30) trained by R Beckett, Kimpton Down, round trip of 500 miles.

IN THE MONEY

MONEY TALKS: Jungle Ruler (3.55) opened 11-4 second at 15-8f; **Riddikulus** (5.05) opened 10-3 won at 5-2; **I'm Next** (3.25) opened 4-1 unplaced at 3-1; **Little Ted** (5.05) opened 11-2 unplaced at 4-1; **Lord Roxby** (3.25) opened 7-2 won at 11-4.

TOP EARNERS
3.25 **Aramram** £243,478
3.25 **Manila Scouse** £194,416

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: Saxon Grace (5.05) won at Redcar and Beverley. **BLINKERED FIRST TIME:** 2.55 Emperor Caradoc. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** None. **FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP:** None today. **WEIGHTWATCHER:** 2.55 **Go Vince Go** (won off 81 down 3lb to 78); **Grant Wood** (won off 80 down 3lb to 77); **Kats Bob** (won off 80 down 3lb to 77); **Mister Sox** (won off 77 down 5lb to 72); **Vince L'Amour** (won off 77 down 5lb to 72); **Roberto Caro** (won off 82 down 6lb to 76); **Woodstock** (won off 82 down 6lb to 76); **Dorney Lake** (won off 87 down 14lb to 73); 3.55 **Garden Oasis** (won off 80 down 9lb to 71); 5.05 **Little Ted** (won off 55 down 3lb to 52).
JOB JOCKEY: Shane Gray rides **Saxon Grace** (5.05) for D Bourke, 3 from 8, 38%. R Clutterbuck rides **Swiped** (3.55), **Musical Accord** (4.30) for R Beckett, 12 from 41, 29%.

1.45 JUDDMONTE EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (Class 2); 2-y-o; winner £15,462; 1m. (13 runners)

1	(13)		**DEE'S MOCHAFELLA**	F McSharry 9-7	**Daniel Tudhope**	**—**
2	(2)		**MAD JACK**	E De Giles 9-7	**Jason Watson**	**—**
3	(11)	0	**OLD OAK 37**	R Hannon 9-7	**Joe Leavy**	**73**
4	(7)	73	**RULE OF THE AGENCY 22**	T Easterby 9-7	**David Allan**	**90**
5	(4)	88	**SCARLET DYNASTY 24**	G Tutty 9-7	**Kaiya Fraser**	**70**
6	(10)	28	**THE FIRST DROP 22**	A Keatley 9-7	**Mikey Sheehy**	**85**
7	(12)	21	**CORAL COVE 22**	J Owen 9-5	**Jason Hart**	**●99**
8	(8)	05	**BEDWYR 27**	T Coyle & K Wood 9-4	**Oisin Orr**	**89**
9	(6)	63	**NOSEY BOOK 15**	T Easterby 9-4	**Duran Fentiman**	**87**
10	(3)	4	**SPECIAL OPERATIONS 22**	T Easterby 9-4	**Sean Kirrane**	**84**
11	(9)	0434	**TEMPLE COURT 22**	E J-Houghton 9-4	**Callum Hutchinson**	**93**
12	(1)	8	**LONDON ROSE 51**	O Pears 8-13	**Cam Hardie**	**74**
13	(5)	4	**TOMMO'S QUEEN 27**	M & D Easterby 8-13	**Joanna Mason**	**88**

BETTING: 6-4 Coral Cove, 11-2 Bedwyr, 7 Tommo's Queen, 8 Rule Of The Agency
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 6 1 1 1
2025: Suspended Sentence 9-7 C Rodriguez 15-8 Fav (M Bell) drw 4, 12 ran.

2.20 RACING FOR TAMARA RIPON HORNBLOWER NOVICE STAKES (2); 2-y-o; winner £12,885; 6f. (5 run)

1	(3)	78	**CLASSY JAGUAR 3**	T Coyle & K Wood 9-7	**David Nolan**	**70**
2	(4)	6	**DOES MARY KNOW 18**	E J-Houghton 9-7	**Callum Hutchinson**	**89**
3	(1)	2	**GREEN BAY DREAM 19**	T Easterby 9-7	**David Allan**	**92**
4	(5)	7	**TAJ MAHAL PALACE 3**	B Ellison 9-7	**Ben Robinson**	**83**
5	(2)	1	**ROGUE JEWEL 21 (D)**	E Bethell 9-6	**Daniel Tudhope**	**●99**

BETTING: 4-9 Rogue Jewel, 5 Green Bay Dream, Does Mary Know, 14 Taj Mahal Palace, 66 Classy Jaguar
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 2
2025: Al Shaham 9-8 Harry Davies 3-1 (S & E Crisford) drawn 1, 4 ran.

2.55 WILLIAM HILL MND SILVER CUP HANDICAP (4) winner £12,885; 6f (20 runners)

1 R-8746 **WESTMORIAN 28 (D)**
(6) G Tuer 7-9-12 .... **Oliver Stammers 87**
Runs: 37 Wins: 6 (6A) Places: 8 £83,019
Much better on AW (0-16 on turf), plenty of weight, this too tough an ask

2 0-0974 **ROACH POWER 68 (C,D)**
(16) M Wigham 7-9-11 .... **John Egan 96**
Runs: 47 Wins: 8 (4S,GS,3G) Places: 10 £97,165
Better latest and back on last winning mark, draw not ideal, e-w sniff

3 511109 **GLORY HYDE 22 (CD)**
(19) R Fell 5-9-10 .... **Joanna Mason 89**
Runs: 38 Wins: 7 (2F,2GS,3G) Places: 9 £57,226
Four wins this season (incl. C&D), but little leeway in mark and tough draw

4 441-40 **MYTHICAL COMPOSER 17 (D)**
(15) C Cox 4-9-10 .... **Jack Nicholls (3) 85**
Runs: 17 Wins: 2 (A,F) Places: 3 £31,869
Needed Goodwood return after break, stable good with sprinters, squeak

5 040722 **KATS BOB 17 (V;D)**
(5) R Carr 8-9-9 .... **William Pyle 98**
Runs: 78 Wins: 12 (2S,2F,5A,2GS,G) Places: 22 £102,518
Third in this last year off 4lb higher, will win sooner or later, contender

6 830004 **GRANT WOOD 12 (CD)**
(7) P Midgley 7-9-9 .... **Jason Hart 91**
Runs: 39 Wins: 6 (F,4A,G) Places: 7 £57,746
Encouraging here last month, mark unchanged, repeat and in the mix

7 346224 **WOODSTOCK 14 (V)**
(10) R Carr 6-9-8 .... **Oisin Orr 92**
Runs: 38 Wins: 5 (F,3A,G) Places: 9 £58,025
Flattered to deceive at Thirsk latest, drop to 6f could be answer, fancied

8 343000 **ROBERTO CARO 21 (D)**
(18) A Keatley 5-9-8 .... **Mikey Sheehy 89**
Runs: 23 Wins: 4 (S,A,GS,G) Places: 4 £59,567
Not disgraced at York last time, on attractive-looking mark but draw a doozy

9 1-2417 **MAGIC BOY 22 (BF,D)**
(14) N Tinkler 4-9-8 .... **Alex Jary (3) 92**
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £27,148
Forgiven latest (blindfold off late), beat Kats at York previously, danger

10 9-4546 **ANAISA 22 (CD)**
(11) T Easterby 3-9-6 .... **James Sullivan 87**
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 2 £41,731
Listed C&D win at two, hcapper is giving her a chance, place claims

11 438043 **GO VINCE GO 22 (D)**
(13) T Easterby 3-9-6 .... **David Allan ●99**
Runs: 17 Wins: 3 (2GS,G) Places: 2 £49,351
On handy mark, signs of revival last twice, draw could have been kinder

12 356244 **EMPEROR CARADOC 10 (B★;D)**
(3) P Midgley 7-9-6 .... **David Nolan 90**
Runs: 46 Wins: 6 (2S,3F,GS) Places: 11 £51,515
Missed break at Ponte latest, blinkers could sharpen him up, danger

13 571201 **DORNEY LAKE 9 (D)**
(20) L Bailey 5-9-5 .... **Billy Garritty 95**
Runs: 31 Wins: 6 (3F,A,2G) Places: 2 £42,540
Sthwell win latest, up 4lb but still nicely treated on '25 form, draw a stinker

14 032005 **MISTER SOX 10 (CD)**
(1) T Easterby 6-9-4 .... **Sean Kirrane 83**
Runs: 48 Wins: 6 (S,GS,4G) Places: 11 £72,065
C&D winner but out of sorts for a while, does have box seat in his favour

15 7-5400 **TOLSTOY 22 (D)**
(12) B Ellison 7-9-4 .... **Ben Robinson 78**
Runs: 57 Wins: 8 (S,2A,4GS,G) Places: 5 £131,815
Has gone totally off the boil, this tough and impossible to recommend

16 4-6110 **WHO WANTS ME 22**
(8) I Jardine 4-9-4 .... **Andrew Mullen 88**
Runs: 18 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 4 £19,516
Two wins out of blue but struggled at York latest, same again likely here

17 067902 **VINCE L'AMOUR 8 (B;CD)**
(4) T Easterby 5-9-4 ...... **Duran Fentiman 96**
Runs: 43 Wins: 5 (3S,2G) Places: 10 £75,467
More like it at Thirsk latest, last win was here but better on soft, squeak

18 761265 **BEYOND BORDERS 19 (D)**
(9) G Tutty 5-9-3 .... **Kaiya Fraser 94**
Runs: 29 Wins: 6 (F,3A,GS,G) Places: 2 £51,991
Fine second here in June, but this a whole lot tougher, place at best

19 530-03 **EDUCATING RITA 22 (D)**
(2) P Kirby 4-9-2 .... **Cam Hardie 96**
Runs: 18 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 3 £23,758
Winless for two years but down weights and York latest better, in hunt

20 062436 **MARK'S CHOICE 14 (CD)**
(17) G Tutty 10-8-13 .... **Jason Watson 84**
Runs: 74 Wins: 12 (2F,3GS,7G) Places: 13 £109,910
Veteran who loves it here, can add to his tally if not necessarily today

BETTING: 5 Kats Bob, 10 Go Vince Go, 11 Roach Power, Vince L'Amour, Educating Rita, Grant Wood, Dorney Lake, Woodstock, 14 Magic Boy, Westmorian, 20 Emperor Caradoc, Glory Hyde, Beyond Borders, 25 Mythical Composer, Who Wants Me, Anaisa, Mister Sox
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3-9 0 0
2025: Havana Rum 5-8-4, E Tindall 12-1 (R & P Fahey), drw 10, 15 ran.

Sunracing FORM

WESTMORIAN (10-2) 10-3 towards rear, pushed along 2f out, chased leaders final furlong, lost action inside final furlong, eased, 6th of 8 (btn 14l) to Spring Bloom (9-3) (Newmarket 6f hcap (4) £6,442 good to firm).
ROACH POWER (8-11) 7-1 midfield, ridden over 2f out, kept on same pace over 1f out, 4th of 6 (btn 3¾l) to Regal Envoy (9-4) (Windsor 5f hcap (2) £15,702 good to soft).
EDUCATING RITA (9-0) 50-1 raced far side, rear mid-division, ridden 1f out, went third closing stages, not trouble front duo, 3rd of 21 (btn 2¾l) to Rajaking (9-6) **MAGIC BOY** (9-6) 11-4 fav raced centre, keen, front mid-division, pushed along 2f out, no impression, 7th (btn 5½l) **GLORY HYDE** (9-9) 20-1 raced far side, mid-division, pushed along 2f out, kept on same pace, 9th (btn 6¾l) **TOLSTOY** (9-4) 25-1 raced far side, mid-division, pushed along 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 14th (btn 9l) **DORNEY LAKE** (8-6) 22-1 raced stands side, towards rear, ridden over 2f out, never showed, 16th (btn 11l) **WHO WANTS ME** (9-3) 18-1 raced stands side, front mid-division, ridden 2f out, faded, 17th (btn 11l) **GRANT WOOD** (9-9) 33-1 raced stands side, pressed leaders, pushed along over 2f out, soon dropped away, 18th (btn 12l) (21 ran) (York 6f hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).
MYTHICAL COMPOSER (9-12) 25-1 raced near side, midfield, ridden 2f out, weakened 1f out, 23rd of 26 (well btn) to French Affair (9-2) (Goodwood 6f hcap (4) £20,616 good to firm).
KATS BOB (9-6) 3-1 raced in second, chased winner final furlong, ran on but always held, btn 1¼l by Archduke Ferdinand (9-3) (7 ran) (Redcar 6f app hcap (4) £4,841 good to firm).
GRANT WOOD (8-11) 8-1 handy, ridden 2f out and no real impression, 4th of 7 (btn 2l) to Lord Roxby (9-2) (Ripon 6f hcap (3) £9,277 good).
WOODSTOCK (8-10) 11-1 front mid-division, headway over 3f out, pushed along pressing leaders, no extra final 110yds, 4th of 15 (btn 2½l) to Asuka (9-5) (Thirsk 7f hcap (3) £9,720 good).
ROBERTO CARO (11-10) 20-1 chased leaders, outpaced 2f out, no impression, 10th of 17 (btn 3½l) to Kodiac Thriller (11-12) **VINCE L'AMOUR** (11-6) 66-1 in touch, lost place over 3f out, well beaten, last (btn 12l) (York 5f hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).
GO VINCE GO (9-9) 4-1 mid-division, ridden and stayed on over 1f out, took third final 110yds, no chance with front pair, 3rd of 12 (btn 4¼l) to Explosive Finnish (9-1) **ANAISA** (9-10) 22-1 mid-division, ridden in fourth over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 6th (btn 7½l) (12 ran) (York 5f hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).
EMPEROR CARADOC (9-4) 20-1 held up in rear, ridden over 2f out, kept on final furlong, went fourth inside final 110yds, 4th of 8 (btn 3½l) to Alfa Whiteburd (9-9) **MISTER SOX** (9-3) 4-1 midfield, ridden 2f out, kept on final furlong, 5th (btn 4l) (Pontefract 6f hcap (4) £5,234 good to firm).
DORNEY LAKE (9-8) 9-2 fav chased leader, ridden to lead over 1f out, ran on gamely final furlong, bt Fierce (9-6) ¾l (9 ran) (Southwell 6f hcap (5) £4,711 AW).
VINCE L'AMOUR (9-7) 10-1 raced alone on near side rail, ridden 2f out, progress over 1f out, pressed winner final 110yds, held close home, btn ½l by Azuinthejungle (9-5) (6 ran) (Thirsk 5f hcap (5) £3,926 good).
BEYOND BORDERS (9-6) 10-1 mid-division, pushed along 2f out, ran on, no extra final furlong, 5th of 12 (btn 2l) to Modern Times (9-4) (Southwell 6f hcap (5) £5,234 AW).
MARK'S CHOICE (9-10) 18-1 hampered start, in rear, ridden 2f out, kept on final furlong, no danger, 6th of 8 (btn 3½l) to Shazani (9-8) (Doncaster 6f hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

2.55

GRANT WOOD goes well at this North Yorkshire circuit and won this race a couple of years ago off a 3lb higher mark. He could be drawn on the right side of the track in terms of pace and his fourth over course and distance last time suggested he was coming back into form. This is wide open, though, and **Woodstock** is a big threat. He travelled like the winner over seven furlongs at Thirsk last time and will be happier back down in trip. **Go Vince Go** has slipped to a decent mark and he ran well to finish third at York last month. He's in contention, as is **Glory Hyde** who was on a roll at this track before finding the competition too hot to handle at York the last twice. **Educating Rita** and **Magic Boy** (blindfold off late at York last time and consequently ran too free) are both pretty consistent and hold each-way claims. **Mythical Composer** was entitled to need the run at Goodwood, is on his last winning mark and hails from a stable that does well with its sprinters.

3.25 WILLIAM HILL/MND GREAT ST WILFRID HANDICAP (2) winner £51,540; 6f (15 run)

1 1-1250 **ARAMRAM 56 (D)**
(3) R Hannon 5-9-12 .... **Joe Leavy 92**
Runs: 26 Wins: 6 (2S,F,A,GS,G) Places: 8 £243,478
Not disgraced in Group races but that hasn't escaped hcapper, in hunt

2 045010 **ROYAL ZABEEL 35 (D)**
(5) M Appleby 5-9-7 .... **Jason Watson 91**
Runs: 24 Wins: 7 (2F,4A,G) Places: 3 £147,023
Close-up in Victoria Cup and winner at Newm, little leeway in new mark

3 177002 **FAST TRACK HARRY 36 (D)**
(8) C Cox 4-8-12 .... **Jack Nicholls (3) 98**
Runs: 13 Wins: 4 (S,F,2A) Places: 2 £86,345
Back on last winning mark, not disgraced at Ascot latest, on shortlist

4 90U132 **DARK CLOUD RISING 12 (V;BF,CD)**
(15) D O'Meara 4-8-11 ...... **Daniel Tudhope 95**
Runs: 23 Wins: 5 (F,A,3G) Places: 3 £67,687
Goes well here but is high enough in the hcap and drawn out on wing

5 -50044 **KHAFIZ 13**
(7) R Fell 4-8-8 .... **Harry Davies 85**
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 1 £19,679
No disgrace both efforts for this yard, but not certain 6f is what he wants

6 014521 **LORD ROXBY 12 (CD)**
(6) N Tinkler 4-8-7 .... **Alex Jary (3) ●99**
Runs: 23 Wins: 4 (F,3G) Places: 9 £57,159
Beat Dark Cloud over C&D latest, up 5lb but goes well for this pilot, player

7 403116 **I'M NEXT 29**
(10) T Easterby 4-8-6 .... **John Egan 91**
Runs: 21 Wins: 6 (F,S,A,GS,2G) Places: 5 £54,343
Three wins this year but hcapper looks to have his measure, e-w sniff

8 0-1710 **MUSICAL TOUCH 21 (D)**
(9) R & P Fahey 5-8-5 **Warren Fentiman (3) 90**
Runs: 19 Wins: 4 (2A,2G) Places: 4 £43,834
Not disgraced at York off new mark, but stable having quiet time, left

9 27-008 **EYE OF DUBAI 51 (CD)**
(1) J & S Quinn 5-8-2 ...... **James Sullivan 89**
Runs: 27 Wins: 4 (3S,G) Places: 9 £125,013
C&D winner and best of draw, but love of soft negative in sweltering Britain

10 732610 **MANILA SCOUSE 14 (D)**
(13) T Easterby 7-8-2 ...... **Duran Fentiman 92**
Runs: 49 Wins: 7 (2S,2GS,3G) Places: 12 £194,416
Another better with some cut, no show at Hamilton latest, bit to prove

11 010041 **KODIAC THRILLER 21 (V;CD)**
(14) M Walford 5-8-2 .... **Cam Hardie 96**
Runs: 30 Wins: 4 (2F,A,GS) Places: 10 £95,177
Loves it here (second in this a year ago), go well but draw a drawback

12 241430 **FORTIFICATION 49 (BF)**
(12) B Ellison 3-8-2 . **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 93**
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 4 £45,057
Interference at stalls cost him latest, worth another chance, respected

13 022319 **IT JUST TAKES TIME 14 (CD)**
(2) M Walford 8-8-2 .... **Andrew Mullen 88**
Runs: 74 Wins: 14 (4F,4S,A,2GS,3G) Places: 17 £142,254
Grand servant, capable on his day but not force of old, others preferred

14 012606 **BRIGHTON BOY 14 (D)**
(4) T Easterby 4-8-2 .... **Amie Waugh (3) 87**
Runs: 20 Wins: 4 (S,2GS,G) Places: 3 £97,522
Loves to bomb it from stalls, will be tough in this but not totally impossible

15 135231 **FLIGHT CONTROL 21 (D)**
(11) K Frost 3-8-2 .... **William Pyle 97**
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 3 £25,228
Progressive and unexposed compared to many, give good account

BETTING: 11-2 Fast Track Harry, 13-2 Lord Roxby, Fortification, Dark Cloud Rising, 10 Kodiac Thriller, Flight Control, Aramram
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 0 0 2 1 0
2025: Intervention 8-8-2, W Pyle 16-1 (M Appleby), drw 1, 17 ran.

Sunracing FORM

ARAMRAM (9-5) 100-1 chased leaders, ridden 2f out, weakened 1f out, eased inside final furlong, 15th of 18 (btn 14l) to Almeraq (9-5) (Ascot 6f Grp 1 (1) £567,100 good to firm).
ROYAL ZABEEL (9-12) 7-1 switched right to race near side, prominent, ridden to lead overall 1f out, headed final furlong, soon faded, 10th of 13 (btn 6½l) to Aalto (8-10) (Newmarket 7f hcap (2) £51,540 good to firm).
FAST TRACK HARRY (9-11) 5-1 midfield, travelled well and led over 1f out, headed final 110yds, ran on but held towards finish, btn 2¼l by Amazing Journey (9-2) (11 ran) (Ascot 6f hcap (3) £16,200 good to firm).
LORD ROXBY (9-2) 11-4 made all, pressed throughout, ridden final furlong, asserted 110yds out, bt **DARK CLOUD RISING** (10-0) 15-8 fav close up in second, every chance 1f out, no extra final 110yds, 1¾l (7 ran) (Ripon 6f hcap (3) £9,277 good).
KHAFIZ (9-8) 13-2 in rear, headway 3f out, switched left and stayed on final furlong, never nearer, 4th of 10 (btn 3l) to Dance In The Storm (9-11) (Chester 7f hcap (2) £12,885 good).
I'M NEXT (9-9) 3-1 chased leaders, pushed along 2f out, faded 1f out, 6th of 7 (btn 5¾l) to Badri (9-11) (Pontefract 5f hcap (3) £8,762 good to firm).
MUSICAL TOUCH (8-11) 25-1 chased leaders, ridden 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 12th of 21 (btn 5¼l) to Stratusnine (9-7) (York 6f (2) £51,540 good to firm).
EYE OF DUBAI (10-2) 12-1 towards rear, ridden over 2f out, no headway, well beaten over 1f out, last of 8 (btn 5l) to Gangsta Man (10-0) (Hamilton 5f hcap (3) £11,339 good to firm).
MANILA SCOUSE (9-1) 13-2 mid-division, pushed along over 2f out, weakened 1f out, 10th of 11 (btn 7l) to Corolla Point (10-0) (Hamilton 5f hcap (2) £15,462 good).
KODIAC THRILLER (11-12) 17-2 always prominent, ridden over 1f out, led inside final furlong, kept on well, bt Sports Coach (11-7) ½l (17 ran) (York 5f hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).
FORTIFICATION (9-3) 3-1 fav always towards rear, last of 13 (btn 11l) to Naana's Shadow (9-0) (York 5f hcap (2) £33,501 good).
BRIGHTON BOY (9-4) 16-1 led, pushed along 2f out, headed 110yds out, faded, 6th of 15 (btn 2¾l) to Asuka (9-5) **IT JUST TAKES TIME** (9-3) 11-1 close up, pushed along 2f out, weakened 1f out, 9th (btn 6l) (15 ran) (Thirsk 7f hcap (3) £9,720 good).
FLIGHT CONTROL (9-9) 7-2 in touch in mid-division, headway over 2f out, led final furlong, kept being pressed by second, held on, bt Mr Noble (9-9) hd (12 ran) (York 7f hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

3.25

DARK CLOUD RISING has run well on both of his visits to Ripon and can land the track's most valuable race of the summer. He has been much more consistent since being fitted with a visor, winning comfortably over C&D before a fine second here last time. He was runner-up to the reopposing **Lord Roxby** that day but he gets a 5lb pull at the weights on this occasion. That rival still demands a great deal of respect and he is clearly in fine form. **Fast Track Harry** bumped into a rapid improver at Ascot last month and he would have an excellent shout if stepping forward himself. **Fortification** ran a rare bad race at York last time, but he was hampered early on and is worth another chance. **Aramram**, who is stakes-class on his day and was mixing it with Almeraq and co in a Royal Ascot Group 1 last time, and **Royal Zabeel** also make the shortlist in a typically puzzling renewal.

3.55 WILLIAM HILL WORLD FREE FROM MND HANDICAP (4); value to the winner £7,731; 1m. (11 runners)

1	(1)	4324113	**BEST RATE 17 (D)**	R Hannon 4-10-4	**Joe Leavy**	**94**
2	(8)	1622/1	**MURASHAH 119 (H)**	E Bethell 5-10-3	**Oisin Orr**	**98**
3	(7)	0532205	**ANDESITE 14**	R Fell 4-9-13	**Jason Watson**	**89**
4	(11)	2090616	**CAPITAL GUARANTEE 7 (CD)**	D O'Meara 6-9-10	**Mark Winn**	**91**
5	(6)	5-30100	**HIGH POINT 7**	I Jardine 5-9-10	**Andrew Mullen**	**87**
6	(10)	4445432	**JUNGLE RULER 17 (BF)**	M Appleby 3-9-9	**Harry Davies**	**96**
7	(2)	-521211	**SWIPED 22 (V;D)**	R Beckett 3-9-8	**Rhys Clutterbuck**	**●99**
8	(4)	95-6071	**ADVANCE TWENTYFIVE 35 (V;D)**	R & P Fahey 3-9-6	**Harry Russell**	**94**
9	(9)	3385423	**GARDEN OASIS 10 (B;BF,CD)**	T Easterby 11-9-2	**David Allan**	**92**
10	(5)	42262-3	**HIS FINEST HOUR 12**	T Jackson 5-9-2	**Joanna Mason**	**85**
11	(3)	2323332	**BARLEY 7 (D)**	T Easterby 7-9-0	**Sean Kirrane**	**95**

BETTING: 3 Murashah, 4 Swiped, 8 Barley, Advance Twentyfive, Jungle Ruler, Best Rate, Garden Oasis, 10 Andesite
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 3 2 7 3
2025: Capital Guarantee 5-10-1 David Nolan 10-1 (D O'Meara) drawn 2, 8 ran.

4.30 ASHLEY SMITH MEMORIAL WILLIAM HILL FILLIES' HANDICAP (5); winner £5,234; 1m 4f. (5 runners)

1	(3)	766	**MUSICAL ACCORD 72**	R Beckett 3-9-9	**Rhys Clutterbuck**	**92**
2	(1)	3436	**TALITHA ROUGE 23**	D O'Meara 3-9-6	**Daniel Tudhope**	**97**
3	(2)	56-4612	**CLOCKER 17 (BF)**	E Bethell 3-9-4	**Oisin Orr**	**●99**
4	(4)	85661	**BLUE TULIP 16 (D)**	W Muir & C Grassick 3-8-12	**Jason Watson**	**95**
5	(5)	643-87	**SKIRT AROUND 72 (P★)**	P Kirby 3-8-12	**Jack Nicholls (3)**	**88**

BETTING: 15-8 Clocker, 10-3 Blue Tulip, Talitha Rouge, 4 Musical Accord
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2
2025: Phaedra 3-9-5 Sam Hitchcott 9-4 (R Hannon) drawn 2, 5 ran.

5.05 HARROGATE COMEDY FESTIVAL THIS AUTUMN HANDICAP (6); winner £5,234; 1m 2f. (15 run)

1	(5)	4442325	**SUNNY ORANGE 3 (B)**	T Easterby 6-10-0	**Duran Fentiman**	**●99**
2	(9)	5-93443	**WAR AND LOVE 7**	B Ellison 4-10-0	**Ben Robinson**	**91**
3	(4)	4260134	**KITSUNE POWER 3 (D)**	T Easterby 7-9-13	**Amie Waugh (3)**	**96**
4	(13)	5211554	**WOODLEIGH 17 (BF,C,D)**	R Fell 5-9-12	**Joanna Mason**	**92**
5	(7)	4432	**MARLENA'S PRINCE 62 (H★)**	M Hammond 4-9-11	**non-runner**	**93**
6	(6)	-783818	**DARING LEADER 19 (D)**	C Kellett 5-9-10	**Jason Hart**	**91**
7	(3)	1355705	**MAGIC RUNNER 14**	R Carr 4-9-10	**James Sullivan**	**85**
8	(2)	364866-	**CASILLI 366 (CD)**	M & D Easterby 9-9-8	**Billy Garritty**	**88**
9	(12)	0527226	**LITTLE TED 21 (CD)**	T Easterby 9-9-6	**David Allan**	**94**
10	(10)	553	**FELIZ NAVIDAD 20**	D O'Meara 3-9-6	**Daniel Tudhope**	**90**
11	(11)	4640311	**SAXON GRACE 2**	D Bourke 3-9-11(6ex)	**Shane Gray**	**98**
12	(15)	9046606	**HORWICH 25**	R Carr 3-9-4	**William Pyle**	**84**
13	(8)	8184463	**HIJO DE LA LUNA 37 (V)**	S West 6-9-1	**Andrew Elliott**	**90**
14	(14)	6444141	**RIDDIKULUS 19 (B;CD)**	G Tuer 3-9-0	**Oliver Stammers**	**95**
15	(1)	86-6678	**TIBERIO FORCE 15 (B;CD)**	S Whitaker 7-9-0	**Mark Winn**	**78**

BETTING: 3 Saxon Grace, 11-2 Sunny Orange, 13-2 Riddikulus, 15-2 Kitsune Power
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 3 5 1
2025: Bay Dream Believer 6-10-0 J Hart 9-4 Fav (M Walford) drawn 9, 7 ran.

LONG SHOT

ROYAL ZABEEL (3.25 Ripon) can be forgiven his latest run and returns here from a better mark. Connections won this last season and he has the class to take this.

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NEWMARKET ON ITV: 2.10

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

1.35 BETWAY BOOSTS EBF NOVICE STAKES (Class 3) 2-Y-O; winner £6,700; 1m (3 run)

1 AL QAYED
(3) W Haggas 9-7 ..... **Cieren Fallon**
Colt by Baaeed out of unraced Frankel mare, from leading HQ yard

2 BIN JAHWAR
(2) C Appleby 9-7 ..... **Billy Loughnane**
Ghaiyyath colt out of Group 1-placed dam, top yard can ready one

3 WAAQED
(1) J & T Gosden 9-7 ..... **Robert Havlin**
Frankel colt out of Listed winner from good family, another top stable

BETTING: 5-4 Bin Jahwar, 15-8 Waaqed, 11-4 Al Qayed
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2
2025: Glacius 9-4, Neil Callan 12-1 (H Palmer), drawn 4, 5 ran.

2.10 BETWAY GREY HORSE HANDICAP (4) winner £10,308; 6f (10 runners)

1 654222 **HAVANA BLUE 8 (BF,C)**
(8) J Camacho 6-9-12 ..... **Ryan Sexton 98**
Runs: 29 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 8 £59,544
Been knocking on the door but two years since last win, on shortlist

2 1730-8 **MAELSTROM 19 (D)**
(10) S Williams 4-9-12 ..... **Jack Doughty 91**
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 1 £24,363
Lost way late last season, not disgraced stable bow last month, squeak

3 983041 **ARCHDUKE FERDINAND 17 (CD)**
(7) S Spencer 7-9-11 ..... **Shay Farmer (5) 96**
Runs: 43 Wins: 9 (4F,3A,2G) Places: 5 £67,371
Won this two years ago, tough from front at Redcar latest, up 5lb, danger

4 6-4604 **FIRST FOLIO 17 (D)**
(2) J Camacho 8-9-5 ..... **Clifford Lee 93**
Runs: 46 Wins: 4 (3F,G) Places: 7 £130,041
Edging down weights but few signs of taking advantage, capable but risky

5 586500 **SECRET GUEST 19 (D)**
(9) B Smart 6-9-5 ..... **Ray Dawson 89**
Runs: 46 Wins: 5 (A,4G) Places: 13 £90,524
Well treated at best but yet to hit his stride this season, others preferred

6 129357 **CAYMAN TAI 8**
(3) R Hannon 4-9-4 ..... **Sean D Bowen 90**
Runs: 30 Wins: 2 (A,GS) Places: 11 £57,997
Hcapper giving him a chance but best form is over 5f, won't be far away

7 283241 **STRIKE 37 (CD)**
(6) J Portman 8-9-2 ..... **Billy Loughnane ●99**
Runs: 44 Wins: 5 (5F) Places: 14 £71,718
Stuck on well to win at Newbury, 3lb rise fair and Billy takes over, player

8 -43423 **NEVASCA CINZA 32 (V)**
(1) J Fanshawe 3-9-0 ..... **Jonny Peate 95**
Runs: 7 Places: 3 £10,459
Never happy over 5f at Ffos Las latest, this is his trip, taken seriously

9 96-841 **ACT OF VIOLENCE 28 (D)**
(5) A Carroll 5-8-8 ..... **Silvestre De Sousa 96**
Runs: 22 Wins: 3 (S,2G) Places: 2 £19,522
No denying superiority at Ripon latest, hiked 8lb but likely more to come

10 -57852 **FANCY DANCER 15 (D)**
(4) H Burton 4-8-2 ..... **Tyler Heard 84**
Runs: 18 Wins: 3 (A,F,G) Places: 2 £14,834
Thrown in at best but coming down weights for a reason, needs revival

BETTING: 10-3 Havana Blue, 4 Archduke Ferdinand, 5 Strike, 13-2 Act Of Violence, Nevasca Cinza, 10 First Folio, 12 Maelstrom, 14 Secret Guest, Cayman Tai, 50 Fancy Dancer
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1-2 2 5 1
2025: Addison Grey 3-9-5, J Nicholls 5-2 Fav (C Cox), drw 7, 11 ran.

Sunracing FORM

HAVANA BLUE (10-0) 11-4 fav raced far side, led, pushed along 2f out, kept on final furlong, no extra and headed final strides, btn 1¼l by Fifty Nifty (9-6) (10 ran) (Newmarket 6f hcap (4) £6,542 good to firm).
MAELSTROM (9-5) 16-1 prominent, led over 3f out, pushed along 2f out, ridden and headed 1f out, no extra final furlong, 8th of 13 (btn 4¾l) to Another Abbot (9-10) (Windsor 6f hcap (3) £10,800 good to firm).
ARCHDUKE FERDINAND (9-3) 11-4 fav made all, steadily increased pace from over 1f out, ran on well, always doing enough towards finish, bt Kats Bob (9-6) 1¼l **FIRST FOLIO** (9-4) 6-1 toward rear of main group, headway over 2f out, outpaced 1f out, weakened quickly inside final 110yds, 4th (btn 5¼l) (7 ran) (Redcar 6f app hcap (4) £4,841 good to firm).
SECRET GUEST (9-9) 6-1 fly-jumped start, rear, never involved, 10th of 12 (btn 5l) to Modern Times (9-4) (Southwell 6f hcap (5) £5,234 AW).
CAYMAN TAI (9-3) 6-1 towards rear, pushed along 3f out, ridden 2f out, never nearer, 7th of 10 (btn 3¾l) to Marcellinus (9-6) (Brighton 6f hcap (4) £10,468 good to firm).
STRIKE (9-8) 4-1 fav held up in touch, pushed along and effort over 2f out, led 1f out, hard pressed final furlong, held on, bt Jimmy Knocker (9-5) sh hd (12 ran) (Newbury 6f hcap (5) £5,757 good to firm).
NEVASCA CINZA (9-7) 11-4 tracked leaders, ridden 2f out, kept on same pace, 3rd of 7 (btn 2¾l) to Star Velocity (9-2) (Ffos Las 5f mdn (4) £5,400 good).
ACT OF VIOLENCE (9-8) 10-3 made all, led, ridden over 2f out, kept on strongly and extended lead inside final furlong, comfortably, bt Von Trotter (9-9) 2¾l (11 ran) (Ripon 6f hcap (6) £5,234 good).
FANCY DANCER (9-9) 3-1 soon raced in third, pushed along 2f out, ran on and took second inside final 110yds, kept on but always held by winner, btn 2l by Happier (9-9) (6 ran) (W'hampton 5f (6) £3,245 AW).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

2.10

WE'RE guaranteed a grey day whoever gets their head in front in this. **STRIKE** won this race four years ago and got his head back in front at Nottingham last time. Jonathan Portman's eight-year-old is still on a winning mark and capable of making a bold bid under Billy Loughnane. He was beaten a neck by **Archduke Ferdinand** in the 2024 running, and his old rival will likely prove the main danger again. Like the selection, he regained the winning thread on his most recent outing and jockey Shay Farmer takes off a very handy 5lb. **Havana Blue** has rattled the crossbar on his last three starts, though his winless streak now stretches back two years. He is still competitively weighted but might come up short again. The three-year-old handicap debutant **Nevasca Cinza** has less mileage on his legs than most of these and it appears trainer James Fanshawe has targeted this race for some time.

2.43 BETWAY BET 10 GET 40 FILLIES' HANDICAP (3) winner £18,039; 1m 6f (6 runners)

1 /45111 **GREEN SKY 29**
(3) B Millman 6-9-12 ..... **non-runner 97**
Runs: 9 Wins: 4 (3F,G) £37,722
Revelation since joining this yard, up another 8lb, pulled out yesterday

2 3-1123 **DOJIN 36 (H★)**
(6) S Woods 4-9-12 ..... **Cieren Fallon 98**
Runs: 7 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 2 £30,516
Holding form well, little leeway from mark, hood goes on, respected

3 32133 **ALMA LATINA 23 (P★;BF)**
(2) R Beckett 3-9-0 ..... **Billy Loughnane ●99**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 3 £16,711
Messy race latest, progressive beforehand, c'pieces on, Billy up, go well

4 23-021 **REEM RAK 50**
(4) R Varian 3-8-13 ..... **Ray Dawson 95**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £9,151
Trounced two Donny rivals but 10lb rise looks tad excessive, in hunt

5 224 **HELLO FRIEND 19**
(5) K R Burke 3-8-11 ..... **Clifford Lee 92**
Runs: 3 Places: 2 £6,750
Signs of ability in novices, first go at 1m6f on hcap bow, check betting

6 15-002 **QUEEN ROSLYN 22**
(1) B Ellison 5-8-6 ..... **Silvestre De Sousa 94**
Runs: 14 Wins: 3 (F,2A) Places: 1 £25,561
Better at York (2m) last month, up 2lb but drop in trip could be bigger issue

BETTING: 13-8 Dojin, 5 Alma Latina, 6 Queen Roslyn, Hello Friend, 10 Reem Rak
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 2 3
2025: Moon Angel 4-9-2, S Osborne 3-1 (S C Williams), drw 5, 7 ran.

Sunracing FORM

GREEN SKY (9-13) 8-13 fav in touch with leader, smooth headway to lead 2f out, soon ridden and went clear, pushed out final furlong, bt Koala Rose (9-5) 4l (3 ran) (Newbury 1m 5f hcap (4) £10,308 good to firm).
DOJIN (9-0) 18-1 midfield, closed on leaders 3f out, briefly led over 1f out, soon headed, not pace of leading pair towards finish, 3rd of 7 (btn 2¼l) to Hoseki (8-2) (Ascot 1¼m hcap (3) £25,770 good to firm).
ALMA LATINA (9-2) 5-4 fav took keen hold, led, hung left round bend after 2f, ridden over 2f out, headed and dropped to last over 1f out, soon weakened, last of 3 (btn 7¾l) to Probation (8-3) (Standown 1¾m hcap (3) £12,885 good to firm).
REEM RAK (9-9) 2-1 second early stages, held up in last after, closed on outside 3f out, led 2f out, soon well clear, eased final 110 yards, bt La Tosca (8-13) 16l (3 ran) (Doncaster 1¼m hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
HELLO FRIEND (8-13) 10-1 mid-division on outer, closed up over 3f out, ridden over 1f out, ran on one pace, 4th of 14 (btn 6l) to Kokbastau (9-4) (Southwell 1¼m nov (3) £6,480 AW).
QUEEN ROSLYN (8-4) 20-1 mid-division, pushed along 2f out, led approaching final furlong, kept on, headed towards finish, btn 1¼l by Vaguely Royal (8-12) (13 ran) (York 2m hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).

3.13 BETWAY FILLIES' NURSERY (3) 2-Y-O; winner £7,989; 7f (5 runners)

1 3311 **EABHA 7 (CD)**
(5) E J-Houghton 9-9 .... **Billy Loughnane ●99**
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 1 £13,884
Going right way, won C&D nursery latest, 5lb rise might not stop her

2 2160 **KODI BEAR LIGHT 28**
(3) K R Burke 9-0 ..... **Clifford Lee 93**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) £9,010
Thirsk maiden win, struggled in better races since, hcap bow, threat

3 44130 **CASH COVE 16 (D)**
(2) C Johnston 8-11 ..... **Callum Shepherd 94**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F) £21,353
Donny maiden winner, underwhelming two nurseries starts, bit to prove

4 942 **PRINCESS IVY 26**
(4) R Hannon 8-6 ..... **Sean D Bowen 90**
Runs: 3 Places: 1 £2,765
Unlucky at Windsor latest, opening mark looks reasonable, in the mix

5 22215 **FIRE THUNDER 14**
(1) M Botti 8-6 ..... **Silvestre De Sousa 98**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 3 £20,760
No disgrace hcap bow here latest, step up to 7f a plus, taken seriously

BETTING: 5-2 Eabha, 10-3 Fire Thunder, Kodi Bear Light, 4 Princess Ivy, 11-2 Cash Cove
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 2 3 1 1
2025: Half Sovereign 9-8, S James 5-4 Fav (K R Burke), drw 5, 6 ran.

Sunracing FORM

EABHA (9-5) 15-2 tracked leaders, second 1f out, stayed on strongly final furlong, led near finish, bt Mysterious Times (9-10) 1l (7 ran) (Newmarket 7f hcap (4) £5,154 good to firm).
KODI BEAR LIGHT (8-6) 16-1 raced near side, midfield, ridden over 2f out, soon held, 19th of 24 (btn 9¾l) to Zigazig Ah (8-4) (Newbury 5f auct (2) £143,009 good to firm).
CASH COVE (8-13) 40-1 always in rear, last of 18 (btn 14l) to Sword Salute (9-8) (Goodwood 7f hcap (2) £30,924 good to firm).
PRINCESS IVY (8-13) 10-1 midfield, headway 2f out, ridden over 1f out, waiting for room inside final furlong, ran on to challenge between rivals last 110yds, just denied, btn hd by Polyxena (8-13) (8 ran) (Windsor 6f nov (5) £4,320 good to firm).
FIRE THUNDER (8-2) 18-1 midfield, short of room and lost ground when stumbled over 1f out, rallied inside final 110yds, kept on, 5th of 9 (btn 2½l) to Havana Sprite (9-4) (Newmarket 6f hcap (2) £20,616 good to firm).

3.50 BETWAY BEST ODDS GUARANTEE HANDICAP (5) 3-Y-O; winner £5,154; 1m 2f (4 run)

1 334211 **DEL CORSO 12 (D)**
(2) E Walker 9-11 ..... **Billy Loughnane ●99**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 1 £15,262
Brace of odds-on Nottm hcap wins, up 5lb for latest of them, one to beat

2 741431 **FEMME BEAUTY 54 (D)**
(4) G O'Leary (Ire) 9-8 ..... **Clifford Lee 98**
Runs: 17 Wins: 2 (G) Places: 2 £16,405
Yard debut after Ballinrobe claimer win, current mark looks steep enough

3 964-72 **PIPILY 28**
(1) T Kent 9-4 ..... **Ray Dawson 97**
Runs: 5 Places: 1 £3,081
Nosed out C&D last month, up 3lb but same endeavour and go close

4 518-97 **DONT GET ME WRONG 46 (B★,T★)**
(3) G O'Leary (Ire) 9-0 ..... **Cieren Fallon 80**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (A) £5,405
Won Dundalk claimer last year, struggling since, headgear on but risky

BETTING: 13-20 Del Corso, 10-3 Pipily, 4 Femme Beauty, 33 Dont Get Me Wrong
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 4 4 1
2025: Showyourtheropes 9-7, J Watson 15-8 Fav (T Clover), drw 5, 5 ran.

Sunracing FORM

DEL CORSO (9-6) 1-2 fav made all, ridden along 1f out, went clear final furlong, unchallenged, bt Sedeirah (9-7) 3¾l (4 ran) (Nottingham 1¼m hcap (5) £4,187 good to firm).
FEMME BEAUTY (9-7) 13-8 fav soon led, reduced advantage over 3f out, travelled well and increased lead approaching straight, asserted final 150 yards, comfortably, bt Cameclose (9-4) 4¼l (7 ran) (Ballinrobe 1¼m app claim €6,000 yielding).
PIPILY (9-2) 28-1 raced in close second, ridden to press winner inside final furlong, briefly led final 110yds, no extra and headed final stride, btn ns by Madjid (9-4) (5 ran) (Newmarket 1¼m hcap (5) £5,154 good to firm).
DONT GET ME WRONG (8-7) 33-1 held up towards rear, 9th halfway, no impression 2f out, 7th of 10 (btn 12l) to Nermal (9-6) (Roscommon 1¼m hcap €9,000 good).

4.25 BETWAY FREE BET CLUB FILLIES' HANDICAP (5) winner £5,154; 1m (5 run)

1 252606 **RENESMEE 15 (D)**
(1) M Keady 6-10-2 ..... **Kyle McHugh (7) 93**
Runs: 49 Wins: 6 (F,3A,2G) Places: 10 £55,613
Paying for decent efforts early doors, looks in hcapper's grip, squeak

2 434232 **LIGHTNING GLORY 15**
(4) S & E Crisford 3-9-9 **Silvestre De Sousa 96**
Runs: 6 Places: 4 £8,065
Has willing attitude and definitely has a race in her, taken seriously

3 33-323 **HAMDA'S JOY 41**
(3) T Clover 3-9-6 ..... **Cieren Fallon 95**
Runs: 5 Places: 5 £5,991
Placed all starts, this turf bow and first try at 1m, should stay, go close

4 6-8631 **STORMY MUSIC 9 (CD)**
(5) A Balding 3-9-6 ..... **Alfie Redman (7) 97**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £6,167
C&D win first go at trip latest under this pilot, up 4lb, won't be far away

5 6-3163 **LOVERS LEAP 38 (BF)**
(2) J Chapple-Hyam 3-9-3 **Billy Loughnane ●99**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £8,130
Creditable effort latest, back up to 1m a plus and Billy stays loyal, player

BETTING: 9-4 Stormy Music, 3 Hamda's Joy, 10-3 Lovers Leap, 7-2 Lightning Glory, 11 Renesmee
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 5 1
2025: Wonderbolt 3-9-6, S James 5-6 Fav (K R Burke), drw 4, 4 ran.

Sunracing FORM

RENESMEE (8-10) 50-1 always towards rear, 6th of 9 (btn 13l) to Nikovo (9-9) (Newmarket 7f hcap (4) £6,442 good to firm).
LIGHTNING GLORY (9-9) 10-3 led after 1f, set sedate pace, ridden when headed over 1f out, outpaced by winner final furlong, headed towards finish, btn 2¼l by Suggy (9-7) (9 ran) (W'hampton 1m 1f hcap (5) £3,978 AW).
HAMDA'S JOY (8-13) 3-1 front rank, pushed along over 2f out, switched left over 1f out, went third inside final furlong, kept on, 3rd of 12 (btn ¾l) to Miss Gallant (9-2) (Southwell 7f flls nov stk (5) £4,711 AW).
STORMY MUSIC (8-11) 13-2 took keen hold, in touch with leaders, headway to dispute lead 2f out, soon led outright, a length clear entering final furlong, pushed out, cosily, bt Born A Rebel (9-9) 1¼l (7 ran) (Newmarket 1m app hcap (5) £5,234 good to firm).
LOVERS LEAP (9-8) 11-8 fav midfield, ridden over 2f out, soon switched right, kept on inside final furlong, went third post, 3rd of 8 (btn 2¼l) to Allegrino (9-5) (Yarmouth 7f hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).

5.00 WATCH LIVE RACING BETWAY HANDICAP (5) winner £5,234; 7f (7 runners)

1 017222 **CHERRY COBBLER 15 (D)**
(4) S Williams 4-10-2 ..... **Chloe Lyons (7) ●99**
Runs: 14 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 5 £24,078
Been hitting woodwork (incl. C&D latest), go well but vulnerable for win

2 4-5621 **MISTER MOJITO 11 (D)**
(3) T Kent 5-9-13 ..... **Billy Loughnane 97**
Runs: 25 Wins: 6 (2F,4A) Places: 4 £33,191
Back on winner's rostrum at Lingers, 4lb rise fair, Billy on board, player

3 -62823 **JERSEY MAVERICK 37 (V;D)**
(2) C Fellowes 4-9-12 ..... **Paddy Bradley 94**
Runs: 18 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 4 £14,684
No knocking his endeavour but still shade high in hcap, in the hunt

4 831211 **NORCROSS BROW 7 (D)**
(6) C Clover 3-9-12 ..... **Liam Wright (5) 97**
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 3 £20,974
New lease of life for this yard, up 5lb for last win but don't write him off

5 29-060 **ASPULL 8 (D)**
(7) P McEntee 4-9-11 ..... **Grace McEntee 85**
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £8,410
Didn't see out 1m here latest but still below-par all starts this year, avoid

6 1034 **BUCKLOW HILL 23**
(5) C Hills 3-9-9 ..... **Callum Shepherd 95**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A) £7,184
Better at Donny latest but could still do with hcapper's assistance, sniff

7 4-7675 **ELECTRICAL 14**
(1) B Toomey 3-9-2 ..... **Clifford Lee 81**
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (F) £7,618
Struggling to find ideal trip, and unconvinced this is it, others better

BETTING: 2 Mister Mojito, 4 Norcross Brow, Cherry Cobbler, 11-2 Jersey Maverick, 13-2 Bucklow Hill, 11 Aspull, 50 Electrical
WHERE FAVES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

Sunracing FORM

CHERRY COBBLER (8-6) 14-1 tracked leaders, every chance final furlong, no impression on winner finish, btn 2½l by Nikovo (9-9) (9 ran) (Newmarket 7f hcap (4) £6,442 good to firm).
MISTER MOJITO (9-11) 9-4 fav midfield, progress into third 2f out, ridden to lead 1f out, ran on, bt Rogue Dynasty (9-10) ¾l (11 ran) (Lingfield 7f app hcap (5) £3,978 AW).
JERSEY MAVERICK (9-6) 11-4 prominent, pushed along over 2f out, ridden and every chance over 1f out, no impression inside final furlong, no extra towards finish, 3rd of 6 (btn 2½l) to Silver Trumpet (9-7) (Epsom 7f hcap (5) £4,449 good to firm).
NORCROSS BROW (9-5) 4-1 prominent, led after 1f, kept on and two lengths clear entering final furlong, reduced advantage towards finish but always doing enough, bt Crafty Blue (9-7) nk (8 ran) (Haydock 7f hcap (5) £5,234 good).
ASPULL (9-9) 150-1 raced centre, prominent, ridden and lost position 2f out, soon weakened, last of 10 (btn 15l) to Fifty Nifty (9-6) (Newmarket 6f hcap (4) £6,542 good to firm).
BUCKLOW HILL (9-9) 22-1 midfield, pushed along over 1f out, ridden inside final furlong, weakened and lost third final stride, 4th of 8 (btn 2l) to Ay Up Duck (9-4) (Doncaster 6f hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
ELECTRICAL (8-10) 40-1 towards rear, taken left towards far side over 1f out, detached inside final furlong, 5th of 6 (btn 19l) to Tryst (9-11) (Newmarket 7f hcap (4) £6,442 good to firm).

EACH-WAY THIEF

HAVE an each-way double at Newbury. MAJOR NEIGH SAYER (1.55) was unlucky in his run at Musselburgh last time and this track will suit. Pair him with COPPULL (3.10) who looks ready for this extra furlong after his good run in the July Cup.

TEMPLEGATE

1.35 ..... Bin Jahwar
2.10 ..... Strike
2.43 ..... Dojin
3.13 ..... Eabha
3.50 ..... Del Corso
4.25 ..... Stormy Music
5.00 ..... Cherry Cobbler

TOM PEPPER

1.35 ..... Bin Jahwar
2.10 ..... Strike
2.43 ..... Hello Friend
3.13 ..... Princess Ivy
3.50 ..... Pipily
4.25 ..... Stormy Music
5.00 ..... Jersey Maverick

TIC-TAC: July course is an undulating galloping track of 2m. All races upto a mile are on the straight course. **DRAW:** No significant advantage. **FAVOURITES:** (2021-2026): 222 have won out of 667 races (33.3%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 11 have won out of 57 races (19.3%).
LIVE ON RACING TV

HOT 'N NOT

TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: C Appleby 10 wins from 24 runners; S & E Crisford 7 from 23; R Varian 6 from 29; R Beckett 7 from 35; E Walker 8 from 44. **JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days:** B Loughnane 17 wins from 65 rides; C Fallon 13 wins from 53; Jack Doughty 4 wins from 17.
TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: Gerard O'Leary 47; Michael Keady 37; S Woods 27; R Hannon 19; S C Williams 15; P McEntee 15. **JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win:** R Sexton 32; T Heard 19; J Peate 17; K S McHugh 15; C Shepherd 12.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 C Appleby 76-210, J & T Gosden 34-162, R Beckett 25-120, A Balding 22-133, W Haggas 20-132, E Walker 17-70, S C Williams 16-121, C Johnston 16-125, K R Burke 14-64, R Hannon 13-194. **THIS SEASON:** C Appleby 12, A Balding 8, J & T Gosden 7.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 B Loughnane 28-118, R Havlin 18-132, C Fallon 15-122, R Dawson 7-57, S De Sousa 6-69, C Lee 5-42, C Shepherd 5-69, A Redman 1-2, R Sexton 1-5, Grace McEntee 1-18. **THIS SEASON:** B Loughnane 14, C Fallon 7, R Havlin 5, C Lee 1.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 3.50 Femme Beauty K J Condon (Ire) to Gerard O'Leary.
RACEFAX: R Hannon won the 3.13 in 2018 & 2022.
LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Green Sky (2.43) trained by B Millman, Cullompton, round trip of 438 miles; **Cash Cove** (3.13) trained by C Johnston, Middleham, round trip of 400 miles; **Hello Friend** (2.43) & **Kodi Bear Light** (3.13), K R Burke, Leyburn, round trip 394 miles.

IN THE MONEY

MONEY TALKS: Cayman Tai (2.10) opened 10-1 unplaced at 6-1; **Act Of Violence** (2.10) opened 9-2 won at 10-3; **Havana Blue** (2.10) opened 7-2 second at 11-4f; **Del Corso** (3.50) opened 4-7 won at 1-2f; **Hamda's Joy** (4.25) opened 7-2 third at 3-1.
TOP EARNERS
2.10 **First Folio** £130,041
2.10 **Secret Guest** £90,524
2.10 **Strike** £71,718

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: Eabha (3.13) won at Newmarket (7f). **Norcross Brow** (5.00) won at Haydock (7f). **BLINKERED FIRST TIME:** 3.50 Dont Get Me Wrong. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** None. **FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP:** None today.
WEIGHTWATCHER: 2.10 **Havana Blue** (won off 84 down 4lb to 80); **Archduke Ferdinand** (won off 85 down 6lb to 79); **Fancy Dancer** (won off 62 down 6lb to 56); **First Folio** (won off 86 down 13lb to 73); **Secret Guest** (won off 86 down 13lb to 73).
JOB JOCKEY: B Loughnane rides **Bin Jahwar** (1.35) for C Appleby, 37 from 97, 38%. C Fallon rides **Hamda's Joy** (4.25) for Tom Clover, 6 from 16, 38%.

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Templegate's Pinstickers' guide to the Hungerford

By STEVE MULLEN

NEVER SO BRAVE can show enough courage to win an interesting Hungerford Stakes (3.10 Newbury).

Andrew Balding's runner ran out a gutsy winner of the City of York Stakes a year ago and didn't run badly in a red-hot Sussex behind Bow Echo last time.

This is more his level and the return to seven furlongs can see him return to winning ways.

BACK IN BLACK ★

BACK of the queue. Course-and-distance winner who had been running well this season before flopping at Ascot. He is in much deeper here and looks likely to be outclassed.

NEVER SO BRAVE ★★★★★

BRAVE heart. Andrew Balding's five-year-old has been a little bit disappointing this year, given he ended 2025 on such a high note with Group 1 success at York. He probably kicked for home sooner than ideal back at that track in the Criterion Stakes and was far from disgraced in the Sussex last time. This drop in class and trip will be a big help.

PRINCE OF INDIA ★★★

PRINCE is no king. Marco Botti's useful four-year-old ran a massive career-best when sixth at a huge price in the July Cup last time. On that form he'd be in with a shout, but he has always been better over six furlongs than seven and he's not the most reliable.

SYMBOL OF HONOUR ★★★★

GUARD of Honour. Rock-solid four-year-old made the most of a good opportunity to win the Hackwood Stakes at this track last month. He has quite a bit of class but is yet to win over further than six furlongs, so there is a definite stamina concern.

WITNESS STAND ★★★★

STAND and deliver. Winner of the Lennox Stakes at Glorious Goodwood last season and ran with great credit in the same race 18 days ago, beaten a length into third. That was his best run of the season and he looks the main danger to Never So Brave.

COPPULL ★★★★

GOOD Cop. Clive Cox's sprinter ran better than the bare result in the Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot, racing on the wrong side of the track, and finished a fine fourth in the July Cup last time. Obvious contender if he copes with the step up in distance.

EXTREMELY ZAIN ★★★

TAKE it to the Extreme. The lightly-raced three-year-old was slightly disappointing when fourth in the International Handicap last time. He'd looked a Group horse in the making at York the time before that, so he is not totally ruled out but needs to raise his game.

NORTHERN CHAMPION ★★★

GRIM up North. Ed Walker's three-year-old got his head back in front at Chester two starts ago but was clinging on at the end. He bombed out in the Stewards' Cup and will be happier back over seven furlongs, but doesn't quite look up to this level.

SUKANYA ★★★

KAN can't. Jack Channon's filly caused an upset in the Fred Darling at this track in the spring but has struggled since. She was set a couple of difficult tasks in Group 1s along the way but didn't offer very much when dropped in class against her own sex last time.

STAR RATINGS
Hunger games
Hunger for it
Hunger strike
Hunger pains
Hung & quartered

BRAVE HEART . . . Never So Brave can return to form today

MAKE BRAVE CALL

NEWBURY COLOURS ON IT

TEMPLEGATE

1.25..... Dubai Honour
1.55..... Rhythm N Hooves
2.35GREAT ACCLAIM (nap)
3.10..... Never So Brave
3.42.....Mister Whippy
4.20.....Tryfan
4.55..... Dream Camp

TOM PEPPER

1.25..... Gamrai
1.55.....KINSWOMAN (nap)
2.35..... Havana Pusey
3.10....Never So Brave (nb)
3.42.....Lots Road
4.20.....Explode
4.55..... Dream Camp

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Great Acclaim (Newbury) and Swiped (double, Ripon) with Eabha (Newmarket).
TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Kinswoman and Never So Brave (bothNewbury).
SUNRATINGS' NAP: SYMBOL OF HONOUR (3.10 Newbury).
THE JUDGE: GOLDEN KNIGHT (4.55 Newbury).

TIC-TAC: Left-handed oval track of 1m 7f, straight mile joins the main circuit just under 5f from home. **DRAW:** High best in large fields. **FAVOURITES:** (2021-2026): 353 have won out of 1,119 races (31.5%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 33 have won out of 101 races (32.7%). **JACKPOT:** 1-6. **LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING**

HOT 'N NOT

TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: C Appleby 10 wins from 24 runners; Tom Clover 5 from 17; C Hills 6 from 22; Sir M Prescott 6 from 28; R Beckett 7 from 35; E Walker 8 from 44.
JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days: H Crouch 8 wins from 26 rides; R Hornby 8 from 33; C Bishop 5 from 30; S Osborne 5 from 30; .
TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: Dr R Newland 19; R Hannon 19; S C Williams 15; W Knight 10.
JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win: M Ghiani 15; Ashley Lewis 13; S C Cronin 13; Taylor Fisher 9; P Dobbs 8; C Bishop 8.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 W Haggas 51-224, R Hannon 51-472, A Balding 40-266, R Beckett 28-201, E Walker 23-185, C Appleby 21-81, J&T Gosden 21-148, O Burrows 17-54, C Cox 14-154. **THIS SEASON:** R Hannon 8, J&T Gosden 6, A Balding 5, E Walker 4.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 T Marquand 60-312, W Buick 43-231, H Crouch 20-137, P Dobbs 20-143, D Probert 18-212, C Bishop 13-195, R Hornby 13-202, M Ghiani 6-43, D Muscutt 6-66, S Osborne 6-87. **THIS SEASON:** W Buick 6, H Crouch 6, T Marquand 4, P Dobbs 4.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 1.25 Gamrai J & T Gosden to G Scott; **4.20 Pinatique** J C Rouget (Fr) to Sir M Prescott.
RACEFAX: W Haggas won the 3.10 in 2021, 2024 & 2025.
LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Ziggy's Triton (1.55) trained by D O'Meara, Upper Helmsley, round trip of 468 miles.

UNDER ORDERS

WEIGHTWATCHER: 1.55 **Hucklesbrook** (won off 88 down 3lb to 85); **Rhythm N Hooves** (won off 87 down 9lb to 78); 4.20 **Great Bedwyn** (won off 87 down 7lb to 80). **JOB JOCKEY:** C Rodriguez rides **Mosheer** (3.42) for O Burrows, 20 from 68, 29%. Ashley Lewis rides **River Spey** (1.55), **Northern Champion** (3.10) for E Walker, 13 from 55, 24%. P J McDonald rides **Major Neigh Sayer** (1.55) for G Scott, 3 from 14, 21%. P J McDonald rides **Mount Atlas** (1.25), **Stellar Sunrise** (2.35), **Silent Force** (3.42) for A Balding, 71 from 351, 20%. W Buick rides **Runman** (4.55) for J & T Gosden, 369 from 1811, 20%. C Rodriguez rides **Hypnotised** (1.55), **Tryfan** (4.20) for H Charlton, 9 from 44, 20%.

1.25 HIGHCLERE GEOFFREY FREER STAKES (GRP 3) win £56,710; 1m 5f (6 runners)

1 4-2231 **MOUNT ATLAS 35**
(6) A Balding 5-9-11 ..... **P J McDonald** ●99
Runs: 17 Wins: 4 (S,2F,G) Places: 5 £224,181
Penalised for Grp 3 win at York, reliable, quick ground no issue, big player

2 212-24 **DUBAI HONOUR 126**
(3) W Haggas 8-9-8 ..... **Tom Marquand** 98
Runs: 37 Wins: 10 (3S,F,2A,2GS,2G) Places: 13 £4,794,675
Class act in the field, off since Oz exploits, may be using this as tee-up

3 24-122 **GAMRAI 60**
(1) G Scott 4-9-8 ..... **William Buick** 90
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 4 £101,340
Bought out of Gosden yard, solid in big handicaps, more to offer

4 2-2522 **TABLETALK 35 (BF)**
(4) T Clover 5-9-8 ..... **Saffie Osborne** 95
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 8 £638,302
Beaten head by Atlas at York, 3lb better off, should have no excuses

5 62-115 **WINE DARK SEA 36 (BF)**
(2) H Charlton 4-9-8 ..... **Hector Crouch** 88
Runs: 9 Wins: 3 (2F,A) Places: 2 £68,502
Flew up weights at rate of knots, not as good Newmarket, bit to prove

6 1-26 **REBEL ROCKER 70**
(5) F Bramley 3-8-12 ..... **Rob Hornby** 87
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £78,362
Not disgraced in sixth in Derby, different ground today, market check

BETTING: 11-8 Dubai Honour, 3 Mount Atlas, 7-2 Tabletalk, 10 Rebel Rocker, 12 Wine Dark Sea, 14 Gamrai
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 1 1 2-4-5
2025: Furthur 3-8-12, O Murphy 13-2 (A Balding), drwn 4, 6 ran.

Sunracing FORM

MOUNT ATLAS (9-0) 2-1 mid-division, closed 3f out, soon pushed along, ridden and ran on strongly to press leader final 110yds, led final strides, bt **TABLETALK** (9-0) 15-8 fav handy, pressed leader 2f out, ridden and led 2f out, stayed on, challenged final 110yds, headed late, hd (6 ran) (York 1¾m Grp 3 (1) £56,710 good to firm).
DUBAI HONOUR (9-4) 13-2 towards rear, headway on outer over 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 4th of 7 (btn 5l) to Sir Delius (9-4) (Randwick 1¼m stks £1,460,396 soft).
GAMRAI (9-11) 9-2 midfield, headway 2f out, led 1f out, headed final furlong, rallied final 150yds, just failed, btn hd by Daiquiri Bay (9-12) (16 ran) (Ascot 1½m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
WINE DARK SEA (8-12) 5-6 fav led, ridden and headed over 1f out, faded final furlong, 5th of 10 (btn 3¼l) to Valedictory (9-1) (Newmarket 1½m (2) £51,540 good to firm).
REBEL ROCKER (9-2) 66-1 chased leaders, ridden 6f out, plugged on one pace final furlong, 6th of 13 (btn 9¾l) to Christmas Day (9-2) (Epsom 1¼m Grp 1 (1) £1,000,000 soft).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

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DUBAI HONOUR will be hard to beat if anywhere near his best on his first run since April. William Haggas's eight-year-old was last seen finishing fourth in a valuable race in Australia four months ago.

His biggest wins have come abroad, but he is a rock-solid Group performer in Europe. His record fresh is pretty good and he should have enough stamina in reserve for this slightly longer trip. There is very little between **Mount Atlas** and **Tabletalk**, with the former winning by a head when they clashed at York last time. He is fancied to confirm the form, though he'll ideally need a strong pace and carries a 3lb penalty. **Rebel Rocker** ran with credit at long odds when sixth in the Derby, and he is an interesting contender stepped up in trip, though the ground is an unknown.

1.55 D&H NUTRITION HANDICAP (3) value to the winner £15,702; 5f (13 runners)

1 121780 **REGAL ENVOY 18 (D)**
(2) W Knight 7-10-1 ..... **Taylor Fisher** 90
Runs: 50 Wins: 14 (3A,6F,GS,4G) Places: 9 £158,547
Struggled up weights since Windsor win, talented but exposed now

2 3-3253 **GLAMOROUS BREEZE 18 (D)**
(3) C Mason 8-10-0 ..... **Gina Mangan** 98
Runs: 54 Wins: 10 (5F,A,4G) Places: 19 £139,186
Flying form this summer, will get head in front soon, very strong form

3 106471 **WHEELS OF FIRE 17 (D)**
(12) R Hannon 4-9-13 ..... **Pat Dobbs** 94
Runs: 23 Wins: 4 (S,A,2G) Places: 4 £45,956
Much more like it at Sandown, not easiest to win with, this is harder

4 070710 **ZIGGY'S TRITON 18 (D)**
(8) D O'Meara 4-9-12 ..... **William Buick** 89
Runs: 28 Wins: 6 (2F,2A,2G) Places: 6 £68,189
Finished tamely at Goodwood, patchy profile, York win gives hope

5 1-2698 **KINSWOMAN 36 (D)**
(9) W Haggas 4-9-12 ..... **Tom Marquand** ●99
Runs: 13 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 6 £47,155
Drops back into handicaps, bags of pace, weighted to win similar

6 641700 **SEVEN QUESTIONS 18 (D)**
(10) R Cowell 5-9-10 ..... **non-runner** 87
Runs: 32 Wins: 5 (S,F,3G) Places: 5 £158,019
Back below last winning mark already, quiet last few runs, ruled out

7 58-480 **HUCKLESBROOK 19**
(5) R Teal 4-9-9 ..... **Seamus Cronin (5)** 89
Runs: 16 Wins: 3 (2F,A) Places: 2 £88,071
Hasn't backed up encouraging return, yard in better form now, sniff

8 17-024 **MAJOR NEIGH SAYER 70 (BF)**
(1) G Scott 3-9-7 ..... **P J McDonald** 88
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £16,902
Beaten favourite last twice, early days but running out of excuses

9 1-6107 **RIVER SPEY 16**
(13) E Walker 3-9-6 ..... **Ashley Lewis (3)** 91
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 3 £31,630
Won at Windsor in June but struggled otherwise, track may suit better

10 430388 **RHYTHM N HOOVES 21 (V;CD)**
(6) R Cowell 6-9-2 ..... **Marco Ghiani** 93
Runs: 51 Wins: 7 (2F,4A,GS) Places: 12 £179,026
Won this race last year, 9lb lower today but reason for that, not ruled out

11 441-72 **HYPNOTISED 17 (D)**
(7) H Charlton 3-9-1 ..... **Callum Rodriguez** 92
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £15,909
Beaten fair and square by Wheels at Sandown, needs more in this

12 214522 **T**
(11) R Hu
Runs: 52 Wins:
Knocking at door, ba

13 344360 **K**
(4) I Wil
Runs: 13 Wins:
Didn't show much at

BETTING: 9-2 Kinswoma
8 Major Neigh Sayer, Hy
Hooves, 14 Ziggy's Triton,
Hucklesbrook, 20 Kanishka
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2025: Rhythm N Hooves 5-9-13,

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GLAMOROUS BREEZE (8-
handy, closed 1f out, kept
closing stages, 3rd of 23 (b
to Twilight Calls (8-12) **TRITON** (8-11) 33-1 led, ridd
lost position 1f out, soon he
(btn 2¼l) **REGAL ENVOY** (9
chased leaders, pushed along
gradually weakened, 12th (b
SEVEN QUESTIONS (8-10) 1
pushed along 2f out, always
eased, 21st (btn 13l) (23 ran)
wood 5f hcap (2) £38,655 goo
WHEELS OF FIRE (9-12) 5-1 p
leader, led over 2f out, ran
inside final furlong, comfo
bt **HYPNOTISED** (9-6) 6-1 h
in rear, switched left and he
2f out, chased winner 1f
impression, kept on, 2¾l
(Sandown 5f hcap (4) £6,019 g
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Bermuda (9-6) (York 6f Gr
£56,710 good to firm).
HUCKLESBROOK (9-12)
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RHYTHM N HOOVES
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but she has some soli
Glamorous Breeze w
firmly in the mix, as
Fire who commands

2.35 TPT FIRE HA winner £30,

1 032389 **G**
(2) E J-
Runs: 30 Wins:
Big weight to lump,

2 04-870 **S**
(6) W H
Runs: 7 Wins:
Not lived up to repu

3 000010 **W**
(4) R Ha
Runs: 59 Wins:
All or nothing, track

4 013779 **H**
(5) J Ga
Runs: 33 Wins:
Tried in good races

5 5-1360 **S**
(3) A Ba
Runs: 9 Wins:
Looked very good h

6 -22539 **A**
(7) C Co
Runs: 11 Wins:
Excuses at York last

7 -00303 **H**
(1) S W
Runs: 18 Wins:
Patchy profile, best

8 345453 **C**
(8) R Ha
Runs: 22 Wins:
Solid as ever of late,

BETTING: 3 Great Acclai
Sunrise, 8 Witch Hunter, Hu
WHERE FAVOURITES FI
2025: Lou Lou's Gift 4-9-11,

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GREAT ACCLAIM (9-12) 16
division, pushed along 2f ou
a danger, 9th of 16 (btn 3
Amazing Journey (8-10) **ST**
SUNRISE (9-5) 11-1 led, drive
dropped away, 14th (btn 10l) (
hcap (2) £77,310 good to firm)
SCOVILLE (9-5) 17-2 promine
after 2f, pressed final fu
weakened final 110yds, 13th o
6¾l) to Archivist (9-12) (Goo
1m hcap (2) £90,195 good to fi
WITCH HUNTER (9-11) 11-1 m
ridden 3f out, headway final
10th of 13 (10l) to Arctic Thunc
(Haydock 1m hcap (3) £16,200
HAVANA PUSEY (9-6) 50-1 m
ridden 2f out, switched right

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TV: 1.25, 1.55, 2.35, 3.10 & 3.42

GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD)

HE THAMES BOATMAN 21 (D)
ughes 6-8-12 .....**Saffie Osborne** 91
3 (7A,G) Places: 17 £111,410
ack to last winning mark, jockey can do little wrong

ANISHKA 17
illiams 3-8-9.....**David Probert** 85
(A) Places: 2 £14,511
Goodwood on stable debut, hard to weigh up

n, 5 Wheels Of Fire, Glamorous Breeze, pnotised, 10 River Spey, 12 Rhythm N 16 The Thames Boatman, Regal Envoy,

NISHED: 8 0 1-2
B Loughnane 9-2 JtFav (R Cowell), drw 10, 11 ran.

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11) 12-1 on well btn ³/₄l) **GGY'S** en and ld, 10th 1-1) 80-1 g 2f out. tn 2¹/₂l) 3-1 rear, behind, (Good- d). pressed on well inned, rtably, held up eadway ut, no (6 ran) ood). inned, akened, ora Of p 3 (1)) 15-2 ut, no

response, weakened, 10th of 13 (btn 6l) to Another Abbot (9-10) (Windsor 6f hcap (3) £10,800 good to firm).
MAJOR NEIGH SAYER (9-10) 5-2 fav in touch, pushed along 1f out, ran on final furlong, one paced, 4th of 7 (btn 2¹/₄l) to Mighty Magnus (9-5) (Musselburgh 5f hcap (4) £10,468 good).
RIVER SPEY (9-0) 22-1 tracked leader, pushed along 2f out, outpaced 1f out, kept on final furlong, 7th of 18 (3¹/₄l) to Naana's Shadow (9-8) (Goodwood 5f hcap (3) £25,770 good to firm).
RHYTHM N HOOVES (8-6) 9-1 rear mid-division, pushed along 1f out, stayed on, no threat, 8th of 13 (2¹/₂l) to All Ways Glamorous (9-4) (Ascot 5f hcap (2) £30,924 good to firm).
THE THAMES BOATMAN (10-0) 5-1 prominent, outpaced 1f out, ridden 1f out, not trouble winner, btn ¹/₂l by Diomed Duke (9-3) (7 ran) (Lingfield 5f hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
KANISHKA (9-3) 16-1 held up in rear, made some headway final furlong, never involved, 16th of 26 (btn 9l) to French Affair (9-2) (Goodwood 6f hcap (4) £20,616 good to firm).

GATE'S VERDICT

has been kept busy by Robert g this race last year. He's run 15 getting his head back in front, slipped a whopping 9lb below vinning mark. And there have nts that an eighth career win ot be far away, as he wasn't ar when finishing well at Ascot th. He appeals at a decent price, William Haggas class-dropper the likely biggest danger. y has proven too strong for her d handicap form. The consistent ent close at Goodwood and is is Sandown winner **Wheels Of** respect despite a 6lb hike.

NDICAP (2) value to the 924; 7f (8 runners)

REAT ACCLAIM 21 (B;C,D)
Houghton 5-10-2... **Charles Bishop** 94
6 (3F,GS,2G) Places: 8 £231,641
solid form in big handicaps, this best opening yet

COVILLE 15
aggas 4-9-11 ..... **Tom Marquand** 96
2 (2F) £18,132
tation, will pop up soon at decent odds, risky bet

ITCH HUNTER 7 (CD)
annon 7-9-10 ... **Seamus Cronin (5)** 90
7 (F,4A,GS,G) Places: 14 £500,591
suits, may prefer bigger field, decent course record

AVANA PUSEY 17 (D)
allagher 6-9-9..... **Daniel Muscutt** 89
5 (3F,2G) Places: 8 £94,762
of late, this more like it, needs more from mark

TELLAR SUNRISE 21 (P★;CD)
alding 3-9-9 .....**P J McDonald** 97
3 (F,2G) Places: 2 £115,264
ere in April, not backed it up yet, cheekpieces on

DDISON GREY 21
ox 4-9-8.....**Hector Crouch** ●99
3 (2F,A) Places: 3 £58,889
time, should've won prior, has race like this in him

UMAM 7 (D)
illiams 4-9-3..... **Marco Ghiani** 93
3 (F,2A) Places: 5 £75,383
run for while last time, weighted to win soon

HRISTIAN DAVID 7 (B;CD)
annon 5-9-1 .....**Pat Dobbs** 91
4 (2A,GS,G) Places: 4 £59,609
consistent but not prolific, could nick place again

m, 4 Addison Grey, 9-2 Scoville, 7 Stellar mam, 10 Havana Pusey, Christian David

NISHED: 2 3-4 2 8
T Marquand 10-1 (W Haggas), drw 3, 11 ran.

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-1 mid- t, never ³/₄l) to **ELLAR** n 2f out, Ascot 7f ent, led urlong, f 18 (btn odwood rm). idfield, furlong, der (9-9) good). idfield, t 1f out,

faded, 9th of 13 (btn 6³/₄l) to Flora Of Bermuda (9-9) (Goodwood 7f Grp 3 (1) £62,381 good to firm).
ADDISON GREY (9-6) 7-1 towards rear of mid-division, edged right 2f out, headway 1f out, never on terms, 9th of 21 (btn 4³/₄l) to Stratusnine (9-7) (York 6f (2) £51,540 good to firm).
HUMAM (9-2) 11-1 led, pushed along 2f out, headed final furlong, kept on one pace, 3rd of 10 (btn 1l) to Arctic Dawn (10-0) (Newmarket 7f hcap (2) £12,885 good to firm).
CHRISTIAN DAVID (9-8) 3-1 rear, ridden 2f out, headway final furlong, drifted left and clipped heels, 3rd of 6 (btn 4¹/₂l) to Pellitory (10-1) (Haydock 7f hcap (3) £7,851 good).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

GREAT ACCLAIM hasn't had much luck in big-field handicaps this summer. He was arguably unlucky not to win the Buckingham Palace at Royal Ascot and was never able to get involved at the same track last month having been given plenty to do. This is an easier race on paper and trainer Eve Johnston Houghton has been in good form. **Scoville** didn't have much chance in the Golden Mile at Goodwood having been stuck wide and is worth another chance. **Stellar Sunrise** had some strong form in the spring but has lost his way the last twice. He could be dangerous if perked up by cheekpieces. **Humam** isn't the easiest but if he is able to get away well and pinch the lead he might take some pegging back.

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3.10 VISIT MALTA HUNGERFORD STAKES (GROUP 2) win £93,572; 7f (9 runners)

1 -43220 **BACK IN BLACK 21 (CD)**
(3) J Fanshawe 4-9-8 ..... **Daniel Muscutt** 83
Runs: 14 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 8 £108,380
Held handicaps this season, course form but this huge ask, not today

2 7-5526 **NEVER SO BRAVE 17 (D)**
(4) A Balding 5-9-8 .....**David Probert** 96
Runs: 17 Wins: 5 (S,3F,G) Places: 5 £617,960
Group 1 winner last year but not fired yet this season, has to step up

3 -50246 **PRINCE OF INDIA 35 (B;D)**
(8) M Botti 4-9-8.....**Pat Dobbs** 93
Runs: 16 Wins: 4 (3F,A) Places: 4 £154,048
Ran on well enough in July Cup, ready for 7f, this test should suit well

4 8-5831 **SYMBOL OF HONOUR 28 (C)**
(1) C Appleby 4-9-8.....**William Buick** ●99
Runs: 16 Wins: 6 (3F,3G) Places: 2 £288,167
Back on track in Hackwood here, yard in better form, slight trip query

5 -08263 **WITNESS STAND 18 (CD)**
(7) R Newland 5-9-8 .....**Saffie Osborne** 97
Runs: 24 Wins: 4 (S,F,2G) Places: 9 £312,018
Good again in Lennox, chased home More Thunder in this last year

6 53-184 **COPPULL 35**
(9) C Cox 3-9-2.....**Hector Crouch** 96
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 2 £272,244
More like it in July Cup, new trip today, should suit judged on style

7 1-114 **EXTREMELY ZAIN 21 (BF,CD)**
(6) W Haggas 3-9-2..... **Tom Marquand** 98
Runs: 4 Wins: 3 (A,2G) Places: 1 £36,213
Held fair and square at Ascot, unexposed, market helps guide today

8 110910 **NORTHERN CHAMPION 14 (D)**
(5) E Walker 3-9-2 ..... **Kieran Shoemark** 87
Runs: 9 Wins: 4 (S,2G) £203,728
Chester win still looks flash in pan, talented but throws in stinkers, risky

9 9-1066 **SUKANYA 21 (CD)**
(2) J Channon 3-8-13..... **Rob Hornby** 84
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 £91,904
Won Fred Darling here in April but held since, plenty to prove in this

BETTING: 3 Never So Brave, 7-2 Coppull, 5 Witness Stand, Symbol Of Honour, 6 Extremely Zain, 7 Prince Of India, 20 Northern Champion, 25 Sukanya, 33 Back In Black
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 5 3 4 1
2025: More Thunder 4-9-8, T Marquand 6-4 Fav (W Haggas), drw 3, 10 ran.

Sunracing FORM

EXTREMELY ZAIN (9-4) 3-1 fav front mid-division, improved into fourth before halfway, pushed along under 2f out and soon every chance, ridden inside final furlong, no telling impression on winner when slightly hampered closing stages and lost 2 places, 4th of 16 (btn 1¹/₄l) to Amazing Journey (8-10) **BACK IN BLACK** (9-4) 13-2 mid-division, pushed along well over 1f out, no impression, 10th (btn 3³/₄l) (16 ran) (Ascot 7f hcap (2) £77,310 good to firm).
NEVER SO BRAVE (9-10) 80-1 slowly away, midfield, ridden and in touch with leaders 2f out, kept on same pace final furlong, 6th of 12 (btn 5³/₄l) to Bow Echo (9-2) (Goodwood 1m Grp 1 (1) £850,650 good to firm).
COPPULL (9-2) 28-1 midfield, headway 1f out, hung right inside final furlong, kept on, 4th of 11 (btn 1¹/₄l) to Comanche Brave (9-8) **PRINCE OF INDIA** (9-8) 80-1 held up in rear, ridden 1f out, kept on final furlong, 6th (btn 2¹/₂l) (11 ran) (Newmarket 6f Grp 1 (1) £453,680 good to firm).
SYMBOL OF HONOUR (9-9) 7-2 midfield, progress 2f out, ridden to lead over 1f out, ran on well, bt Mitbaahy (9-9) 1¹/₄l (7 ran) (Newbury 6f Grp 3 (1) £56,710 good to firm).
WITNESS STAND (9-6) 17-2 led, pushed along 2f out and forged on, ridden over 1f out, headed and lost second closing stages, 3rd of 8 (btn 1l) to Lake Forest (9-6) (Goodwood 7f Grp 2 (1) £113,420 good).
NORTHERN CHAMPION (9-4) 40-1 rear of midfield, shaken up 2f out, soon ridden, drifted right and weakened 1f out, 22nd of 27 (btn 9¹/₄l) to Evening Saigon (9-0) (Goodwood 6f hcap (2) £128,850 good to firm).
SUKANYA (9-0) 20-1 raced keenly in mid-division, pushed along and weakened well over 1f out, 6th of 8 (btn 6l) to Kon Tiki (9-5) (Ascot 1m Grp 3 (1) £53,874 good to firm).

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TODAY'S PICKS AT NEWBURY

LEG 1.....Mount Atlas
LEG 2 .....Glamorous Breeze, Rhythm N Hooves
LEG 3 .....Great Acclaim
LEG 4.....Witness Stand, Coppull
LEG 5.....Mister Whippy
LEG 6 .....Great Bedwyn

CLIVE'S GOT THE PULLING POWER

From Page One

whether to run in the Hungerford or not because the Haydock Sprint Cup is a few weeks away, but I think he'll stay seven and we want to give it a go and find out."

Witness Stand caused an upset in the Lennox last season but backed it up with an excellent second in the Hungerford 12 months ago.

He ran his best race of the season at Glorious Goodwood last month, and Richard Newland, who now trains the horse outright with Jamie Insole having left, reckons he's in top shape as Saffie Osborne takes over in the saddle.

Newland said: "He did a nice piece of work on Wednesday morning. We were thrilled with him at Goodwood, he's obviously got a great record of running well there and just got collared by two very good horses.

"This was always the plan. I don't see why he shouldn't run a big race. Saffie's top-class, she's having an unbelievably good season and confidence is high. I thought she might suit the horse.

"She's delivering on the big days and it's a welcome boost to have her on."

Andrew Balding's (*left*) Never So Brave heads the betting after his sixth in the Sussex Stakes.

3.42 DARLEY EBF NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (2) 2-Y-O; win £20,936; 7f (13 runners)

1 05 **ANOTHER ENCORE 35**
(10) H Charlton 9-7 .....**Saffie Osborne** 72
Runs: 2 £906
Stuffed at big odds on both starts, gets mark after this, can only watch

2 **DIAMONDISE**
(9) W Muir & C Grassick 9-7 . **Marco Ghiani** —
Unsold at 5k last time in ring, nothing special on paper, down the line

3 **GALLEGO**
(3) H Morrison 9-7 ..... **Pat Dobbs** —
55k yearling, mixed bag on pedigree, yard not known for 2yo winners

4 4 **GAMBLING MAN 37**
(5) A Perrett 9-7 ..... **Rob Hornby** 96
Runs: 1 £1,902
Very encouraging here on debut, big player if kicking on again now

5 **LOTS ROAD**
(13) R Beckett 9-7 .....**Hector Crouch** —
100k yearling, drawn on wing which isn't ideal on debut, market check

6 **MAKTOO**
(11) C Hills 9-7 .....**David Probert** —
Taken out of breeze-ups, plenty of speed in pedigree, not ruled out

7 4 **MISTER WHIPPY 23**
(7) E Walker 9-7 .....**George Downing** ●99
Runs: 1 £824
Ran on nicely at Donny, yard runners always come on plenty for debut

8 **MOSHEER**
(8) O Burrows 9-7 .....**Callum Rodriguez** —
185k yearling, yard can ready one, holds big-race entries, interesting

9 **MR MONTGOMERY**
(2) O Sangster 9-7..... **Daniel Muscutt** —
Bought back for just 4k at sales, not much encouragement on paper

10 2 **RED TAIL 8**
(1) R Hannon 9-7..... **Seamus Cronin** 98
Runs: 1 Places: 1 £1,965
Encouraging on debut when green, this is tougher, entitled to kick on

11 **SAINT MUNGO**
(6) E J-Houghton 9-7 ..... **Charles Bishop** —
85k yearling, yard always punches above weight, want further in time

12 **SAN JOSE**
(12) B Meehan 9-7..... **Tom Marquand** —
105k yearling, mixed pedigree, entries in Dewhurst and Royal Lodge

13 **SILENT FORCE**
(4) A Balding 9-7 .....**P J McDonald** —
Yard won this last season, bred for a mile-plus, market can help guide

BETTING: 11-4 Mosheer, 11-2 Lots Road, 6 Red Tail, Silent Force, 7 Gambling Man, 8 San Jose, 10 Mister Whippy, 14 Saint Mungo, Maktoo, 20 Another Encore, 25 Gallego, Diamondise
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1
2025: Venetian Prince 9-7, O Murphy 6-5 Fav (A Balding), drw 6, 10 ran.

Sunracing FORM

ANOTHER ENCORE (9-6) 100-1 prominent, ridden 2f out, weakened over 1f out, no threat, 5th of 8 (btn 8l) to Dr Rascal (9-7) (Ascot 7f nov stks (2) £15,462 good to firm).
GAMBLING MAN (9-7) 28-1 mid-division, headway 1f out, not much room final furlong, kept on, went fourth close home, 4th of 18 (btn 1¹/₄l) to Mirzimaan (9-7) (Newbury 6f nov stks (2) £16,200 good to firm).
MISTER WHIPPY (9-7) 33-1 in rear, keen and raced towards centre early, headway 1f out, stayed on and took fourth inside final 110yds, 4th of 9 (btn 4¹/₄l) to Jassas (9-7) (Doncaster 7f nov stks (3) £7,020 good to firm).
RED TAIL (9-2) 3-1 prominent, ridden 2f out, stayed on final furlong, chased winner last 110yds, always held, ¹/₂l by Enamored (9-2) (5 ran) (Brighton 6f mdn (5) £4,187 good to firm).
DIAMONDISE Space Traveller colt out of Diamond Eyes.
GALLEGO Havana Gold colt out of Temptress.
LOTS ROAD Too Darn Hot colt out of Lolldaiga.
MAKTOO Too Darn Hot colt out of Perfect Blessings.
MOSHEER New Bay colt out of Aura Blue.
MR MONTGOMERY Coulsty colt out of Ape Attack.
SAINT MUNGO Gleneagles colt out of Dear Heart.
SAN JOSE Blackbeard colt out of Abilene.
SILENT FORCE No Nay Never colt out of October Queen.

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

WITH very little form to go on, **MISTER WHIPPY** looks the safest choice. He ran green but showed potential when a running-on fourth on his debut at Doncaster, and the second has since come out and given the form a boost. Owen Burrows has given **Mosheer** some fancy entries, in the Champagne and Royal Lodge, so he is worth close market inspection on his debut. **Silent Force** is well-bred and trainer Andrew Balding is more than capable of getting one ready. **Lots Road** cost £100,000 and is another worth following in the betting for his powerful stable. **Red Tail** was second on his first start, but it was in a five-runner race at Brighton and this will prove tougher.

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4.20 SWINGS & SMILES SUPPORTED BY AP&C HCAP (4) win £10,468; 1m 4f (6 runners)

1 46960- **PINATIQUE 279**
(1) Sir M Prescott 4-9-13.....**Dylan Hogan** 88
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (S,A) £26,534
Debut for stable, tried in decent company in France, may need run

2 160-81 **EXPLODE 24 (D)**
(4) F Bramley 4-9-12 .....**William Buick** 96
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (F,GS) Places: 3 £18,221
Top jock climbs on after easy Catterick win, this tougher but capable

3 -92071 **TRYFAN 35 (D)**
(2) H Charlton 5-9-11 ....**Callum Rodriguez** ●99
Runs: 20 Wins: 4 (2F,2A) Places: 4 £71,075
Ascot win was 22-1 surprise but looks solid, one to beat with repeat

4 -28283 **GREAT BEDWYN 36 (CD)**
(5) R Hannon 6-9-11....**Seamus Cronin (5)** 97
Runs: 30 Wins: 4 (F,A,2G) Places: 7 £85,222
Consistent but not prolific, should run race as ever, today may be day

5 3-7122 **MASTERINTHEWOODS 21 (D)**
(6) E Lavelle 4-9-9 ..... **Marco Ghiani** 98
Runs: 14 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 7 £37,560
Solid again at Ascot last time, keeps bumping into one, big player

6 **22**-427 **NICATOR 36**
(3) K De Foy 4-9-4 ..... **Daniel Muscutt** 89
Runs: 6 Places: 3 £7,078
Early days but poor last time, others look more reliable, not today

BETTING: 9-4 Tryfan, 3 Masterinthewoods, 9-2 Pinatique, 5 Explode, 7 Great Bedwyn, 10 Nicator
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1 3
2025: Al Wasl Storm 3-9-9, B Loughnane 9-2 (O Burrows), drw 3, 7 ran.

Sunracing FORM

PINATIQUE (8-11) 80-1 held up, niggled along at times, last when ridden 3f out, passed weakening rival 2f out, well beaten when eased 1f out, 12th of 13 (well btn) to Azaniya (9-1) (Saint-Cloud 1¹/₄m Listed £20,785 soft).
EXPLODE (10-0) 15-8 jt fav chased leader, pressed leader 3f out, ridden 2f out, kept on late, bt Something (9-10) 1³/₄l (4 ran) (Catterick 1¹/₄m hcap (4) £7,328 good to firm).
TRYFAN (8-11) 22-1 took keen hold, prominent, smooth headway to lead narrowly 2f out, ridden over 1f out, pressed for lead final 110yds, all out towards finish, bt Blue Hercules (8-2) nk (8 ran) (Ascot 1¹/₄m hcap (2) £24,300 good to firm).
GREAT BEDWYN (10-2) 13-2 prominent, ridden over 2f out, stayed on strongly inside final furlong, took third towards finish, no chance with comfortable winner, 3rd of 9 (btn 4¹/₄l) to Dark Moon Rising (9-12) (York 1¹/₄m hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).
MASTERINTHEWOODS (10-1) 4-1 led, pushed along and headed 2f out, battled on but hung left under pressure, no extra final furlong, btn 1¹/₄l by Primo Lara (10-1) (15 ran) (Ascot 1¹/₄m hcap (4) £16,042 good to firm).
NICATOR (9-9) 9-1 went right start, keen and always rear, 7th of 10 (btn 12l) to Green Sky (9-0) (York 1¹/₂m app hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).

4.55 BETVICTOR ON INSTAGRAM HANDICAP (3) 3-Y-O; winner £15,702; 1m 2f (6 runners)

1 1-210 **BAYAANN 56**
(6) W Haggas 9-9 ..... **Tom Marquand** 98
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (A,GS) Places: 1 £13,028
Big drop in class from Royal Ascot, gelded since, market guides

2 11-274 **LOST SIGNAL 7 (BF)**
(1) R Hannon 9-5..... **non-runner** 96
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £19,837
Fave for handicap debut last time, bumped into smart winner, no go

3 1-140 **RUNMAN 58**
(2) J & T Gosden 9-4..... **William Buick** 92
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (2G) £11,434
50-1 and down field in Britannia, this easier by a way, hard to weigh up

4 41-601 **GOLDEN KNIGHT 36 (D)**
(5) E Walker 9-3 ..... **Kieran Shoemark** ●99
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (F,G) £24,920
Made most of drop in class last time, only 3lb rise, more to come now

5 **11**1279 **WILD THOUGHTS 16**
(3) R Spencer 9-3 .....**Saffie Osborne** 88
Runs: 10 Wins: 4 (2F,2A) Places: 1 £18,126
33lb higher than first win now and starting to show, others better

6 5-3101 **DREAM CAMP 26 (D)**
(4) A Balding 9-0 ..... **Rob Hornby** 97
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (F,A) £17,136
Back on track at Windsor, capable of better again, top yard does well here

BETTING: 9-4 Golden Knight, 10-3 Dream Camp, 4 Bayaann, 6 Runman, 14 Wild Thoughts
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 6 1-4
2025: Fort George 9-6, O Murphy 7-4 JtFav (E Walker), drw 2, 5 ran.

Sunracing FORM

BAYAANN (9-4) 18-1 took keen hold in rear, ridden over 2f out, switched right and passed beaten rivals 1f out, never threatened, 11th of 16 (btn 8³/₄l) to Lost Boys (9-2) (Ascot 1¹/₂m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
LOST SIGNAL (9-5) 10-3 fav led, headed after 2f, briefly regained lead and ridden over 2f out, soon chased leaders, kept on same pace and lost third inside final furlong, 4th of 13 (btn 3¹/₄l) to Arctic Thunder (9-9) (Haydock 1m hcap (3) £16,200 good).
RUNMAN (8-11) 50-1 raced centre, switched right to far side after 1f, midfield, headway over 2f out, ridden over 1f out, hung left and weakened final furlong, 22nd of 30 (btn 13l) to Moonfall (8-10) (Ascot 1m hcap hdle (2) £67,002 good to firm).
GOLDEN KNIGHT (9-5) 13-8 led, set strong pace, ridden when headed 1f out, rallied and pestered leader final 110yds, led again towards finish, bt Gatehouse (9-4) nk (4 ran) (Ascot 1¹/₂m hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).
WILD THOUGHTS (9-8) 22-1 midfield, bumped rival after 2f, shaken up waiting for room 2f out, headway when in clear 1f out, no impression final furlong, 9th of 19 (btn 3¹/₂l) to Exclusive Code (9-9) (Goodwood 1m hcap (3) £25,770 good to firm).
DREAM CAMP (9-6) 9-1 towards rear, smooth headway 2f out, ridden and led over 1f out, kept on well final furlong, always enough, bt Sunshine Star (9-8) ³/₄l (7 ran) (Windsor 1¹/₂m hcap (4) £10,468 good to firm).

Favourite YET MORE COLOURS, TIPS AND SUPER

PERTH COLOURS & FORM

GOING: GOOD

TEMPLEGATE

1.40 ..... Try Them
2.15 ..... Tamarind Bay
2.50 ..... Lets Mingle
3.32 ..... October Hill
4.05 ..... Filibustering
4.40 ..... Button Rock
5.15 Downtown Nashville

TOM PEPPER

1.40 ..... C'Est Pour Moi
2.15 ..... Glen To Glen
2.50 .. Garde Des Champs
3.32 ..... Ceol Draiochta
4.05 ..... Medieval Gold
4.40 ..... Collingham
5.15 Downtown Nashville

TIC-TAC: Right-handed course of 1m 2f with tight turns, eight fences per circuit, 283yd run-in.

FAVOURITES: (2021-2026): 189 have won out of 518 races (36.5%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 8 have won out of 37 races (21.6%).

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HOT 'N NOT

TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: C Gordon 1 from 2; I Jardine 6 wins from 35 runners; N C Kelly 1 from 9; R M Smith 1 from 13; J McConnell 2 from 31; K Scott 1 from 17.

JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days: A Harvey 1 wins from 15 rides.

TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: J Coulson 63; L Kerr 51.

JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win: B Godfrey 40; P J Kavanagh 29.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 O Murphy 50-163, R M Smith 17-205, N Richards 14-119, Miss L Harrison 13-143, P Neville 12-82, I Jardine 10-77, M Bowen 9-30, L Russell & M Scudamore 8-95, Gerald Quinn 7-39, N & W Twiston-Davies 5-30.

THIS SEASON: O Murphy 7, R M Smith 3, A Nicol 2, L Russell & M Scudamore 2.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 S Bowen 91-281, B Hughes 49-233, D R Fox 14-142, P W Wadge 11-126, P J Kavanagh 9-91, R Mania 8-68, B Lynn 7-91, N McParlan 6-24, N Moscrop 6-72, Jack Power 5-24. **THIS SEASON:** S Bowen 6, R Mania 3, Rian Corcoran 2, N Moscrop 2.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 215 Glen To Glen J P O'Brien (Ire) to Nick Scholfield; **2.50 Dream's Ka** D Skelton to K Scott; **Harry** N George & A Zetterholm (Fr) to D Pipe; **515 Dark Tide Rising** Robert Tector to T R George; **Game Shadow** Paul Power (Ire) to J McConnell.

RACEFAX: P Neville won the 4.05 in 2024 & 2025.

LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Ras Kassar (2.15), **Harry** (2.50), **October Hill** (3.32) trained by D Pipe, Wellington, round trip of 928 miles; **Nap Hand** (4.05) trained by C Gordon, Winchester, round trip of 910 miles; **Tamarind Bay** (2.15), M Bowen, Haverfordwest, round trip 894 miles.

IN THE MONEY

MONEY TALKS: Follow Your Luck (2.15) opened 4-9 won at 1-4f; **Fidendum** (4.05) opened 5-2 won at 15-8f; **Glen To Glen** (2.15) opened 11-2 unplaced at 4-1; **Dalileo** (3.32) opened 9-2 won at 7-2; **Medieval Gold** (4.05) opened 11-4 second at 9-4f.

TOP EARNERS: 1.40 **Biggles** £148,300; 4.40 **Collingham** £134,195; 2.50 **Harry** £118,960; 2.50 **Struth** £106,023; 3.32 **Dalileo** £93,121; 4.05 **Filibustering** £92,064.

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: None.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: 4.05 Medieval Gold.

VISORED FIRST TIME: None.

FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Kinbara Firstdraft (2.15).

WEIGHTWATCHER: 2.50 **Just Dottie** (won off 105 down 3lb to 102).

JOB JOCKEY: S Bowen rides **Shantou Show** (4.40) for N C Kelly, 5 from 13, 38%. Rian Corcoran rides **Harry** (2.50), **October Hill** (3.32) for D Pipe, 25 from 80, 31%.

1.40 VISIT PERTH MUSEUM MAIDEN HURDLE (Class 4); value to the winner £5,446; 2m. (7 runners)

1 25 **BIGGLES 22** T Lacey 9-11-4 ..... **Stan Sheppard 98**
2 P7-7 **HAWTHORN ROAD 93 (H)** I Jardine 5-11-4 ..... **Dylan Johnston 75**
3 94342/ **ST JUST IN TIME F66 (T★)** H Derham 6-11-4 ..... **Paul O'Brien —**
4 96 **C'EST POUR MOI 70** N & W Twiston-Davies 4-11-1 **Miss Amber Jackson-Fennell (7) 85**
5 3-42 **CRACKALACKIN 88** R Newland 4-11-1 ..... **Luke Scott (3) 97**
6 6 **TRACKER ISSUE 22** A Nicol 4-11-1 ..... **Ryan Mania 96**
7 6F55-02 **TRY THEM 44** P Neville 4-11-1 ..... **Brian Hughes ●99**

BETTING: 2 Try Them, 4 Biggles, St Just In Time, 5 Tracker Issue, 11-2 Crackalackin
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 2 3 5 4
2025: Break Point 5-11-4 Sean Bowen 11-4 (O Murphy), 13 ran.

Sunracing FORM

BIGGLES (11-2) 10-3 prominent, chased leaders 3 out, weakened run-in, 5th of 13 (4⁵/₄l) to Whermyrosemarygoes (10-9) **TRACKER ISSUE** (10-12) 125-1 midfield, outpaced 2 out, kept on one pace last, 6th (6³/₄l) (Uttoxeter 2m nov hdle (4) £5,281 good).
HAWTHORN ROAD (11-5) 66-1 prominent, pushed along and lost place 2 out, soon weakened, 7th of 13 (btn 32l) to Kibris (10-13) (Perth 2m mdn hdle (4) £5,446 good to soft).
ST JUST IN TIME (11-10) 13-2 mid-division, ridden final 100 yards, just denied on line, btn sh hd by Aotano (10-10) (14 ran) (Doncaster 2m 1f nov hcap hdle (5) £4,330 good to soft).
C'EST POUR MOI (10-4) 40-1 led, pushed along 3f out, soon beaten, 6th of 9 (btn 12l) to Redbarn (10-9) (Worcester 2m NHF (5) £2,451 good).
CRACKALACKIN (10-9) 17-2 mid-division, ridden 2 out, plugged on, no match for winner, btn 6³/₄l by Edelak (10-12) (8 ran) (Huntingdon 2m mdn hdle (4) £5,281 good to firm).
TRY THEM (11-0) 12-1 prominent, ridden 2 out, always held towards finish, btn 3³/₄l by Scriabin (11-4) (9 ran) (Perth 2m mdn hdle (4) £5,446 good).

2.15 QUINNBET NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) £7,922; 2m 4f (5 runners)

1 323-11 **TAMARIND BAY 48 (D)**
M Bowen 6-11-10 ..... **Sean Bowen 98**
Runs: 17 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 8 £28,425
Stratford and Uttoxeter winner, 5lb rise is very workable, major claims

2 41/11- **FOLLOW YOUR LUCK 177**
P Neville 5-11-6 ..... **Brian Hughes 97**
Runs: 4 Wins: 3 (2GS) £10,803
Point-to-point win and a brace of Sedgefield hurdle wins put him in the mix

3 710-5R **GLEN TO GLEN 61 (P★)**
N Scholfield 4-10-12 ..... **Kielan Woods 96**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 £6,893
Ex-Irish raider, refused to race at Kilbeggan in June, on shortlist on hcp debut

4 73/042 **RAS KASSAR 20 (H)**
D Pipe 7-10-7 ..... **Dylan Johnston ●99**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (2S) Places: 3 £34,778
2nd in Uttoxeter hcap chase in July, conditions suit, leading player

5 4-5745 **KINBARA FIRSTDRAFT 34**
L Kerr 7-10-5 ..... **Derek Fox 85**
Runs: 22 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £18,296
Hurdle win here in June '24, nothing to note in 5 chase runs, needs more

BETTING: 6-5 Tamarind Bay, 11-4 Follow Your Luck, 4 Glen To Glen
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2 1 2 1
2025: King Roly 6-10-5, Sean Bowen 4-5 Fav (M Bowen), 5 ran.

2.50 IM GROUP HANDICAP HURDLE (4) value to the winner £5,281; 2m 4f (11 runners)

1 3U-351 **LETS MINGLE 34 (CD)**
L Russell & M Scudamore 6-12-0 **Jack Power (5) 95**
Runs: 13 Wins: 3 (2G) Places: 1 £18,543
C&D win last month, cheekpieces not on this time and this tougher, e-w

2 25/711 **HARRY 31 (B)**
D Pipe 9-11-12 ..... **non-runner 98**
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (3S) Places: 2 £68,141
Brace of hurdle wins in France, generous mark on UK debut, ruled out

3 25P-34 **SUMMERGROUNDS 34 (D)**
N Richards 10-11-10 ..... **Ella McGarry (10) ●99**
Runs: 24 Wins: 3 (2GS,G) Places: 8 £34,167
Good 4th here last month, conditional jockey takes off a useful 10lb, shortlist

4 -21218 **DREAM'S KA 22 (D)**
K Scott 4-11-9 ..... **Ryan Mania 94**
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 3 £14,735
Ex-Dan Skelton, Bangor and Uttoxeter wins this year, mark needs to drop

5 2111-0 **COSMIC SOUL 69 (BF,D)**
P Neville 6-11-6 ..... **Brian Hughes 92**
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (3G) Places: 1 £11,687
Sedgefield hat-trick earlier this year, btn-fav last here in June, can't rule out

6 8-4332 **GARDE DES CHAMPS 34 (C)**
L Russell & M Scudamore 10-11-6 **Gregor Walkingshaw (10) 96**
Runs: 44 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 12 £52,768
Consistent chase performer here this year, needs more back to hurdling

7 494-41 **FOLLOW CHARLIE 34 (CD)**
R Smith 7-11-6 ..... **Murray Dodd (5) 98**
Runs: 31 Wins: 5 (2S,GS,2G) Places: 6 £35,370
2m win here last month, no issue stepping back up in trip, more to come

8 P1140- **O'FAOLAINS GLORY 146 (D)**
S Corbett 9-11-5 ..... **Nathan Moscrop 85**
Runs: 34 Wins: 4 (2GS,G) Places: 6 £39,282
Musselburgh wins over fences and timber last year, needs revival after break

9 546-53 **JUST DOTTIE F19 (C)**
R Smith 8-11-4 ..... **Ben Smith (7) 93**
Runs: 24 Wins: 4 (2GS,2G) Places: 3 £26,164
Always runs with credit at this course, on a fair mark, place claims

10 55P-40 **ANNIE AGNEW 85 (P★)**
G Quinn (Ire) 6-11-2 ..... **Benjamin Macey (5) 84**
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 Places: 2 £11,278
Lightly raced, not won since Sep '23, cheekpieces on but needs more

11 55-666 **STRUTH 34**
L Russell & M Scudamore 6-10-7 ..... **Derek Fox 86**
Runs: 7 £759
Not beaten too far here in July, going in right direction, ignore for now

BETTING: 9-2 Lets Mingle, 5 Summergrounds, 13-2 Garde Des Champs, 15-2 Follow Charlie, 10 Dream's Ka, Just Dottie, Cosmic Soul
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 1 6 PU
2025: Moonbow 5-11-4, Brian Hughes 11-2 (P Neville), 11 ran.

PROBETS

EYECATCHER: MISTER WHIPPY (3.42 Newbury) ran on strongly in a good race on his debut.
SUPER SPEED: GOLDEN KNIGHT (4.55 Newbury) clocked a cracking time for the grade when winning at Ascot despite a small field.
GAMBLED ON: DARK CLOUD RISING (3.25 Ripon) was backed into 15-8 favourite here last time.

Sunracing FORM

LETS MINGLE (10-13) 16-1 close up, ridden 2 out, stayed on gamely, bt Atlantic City (11-6) nk
SUMMERGROUNDS (11-2) 11-2 mid-division, ridden 2 out, stayed on run-in, 4th (1³/₄l) to Conquer The Breeze (11-12) (6 ran) (Perth 2m hcap ch (4) £5,281 good).
FOLLOW CHARLIE (11-9) 14-1 in 2nd, headway 2 out, cleared away run-in, bt Storm The Dug (10-6) 5¹/₂l (7 ran) (Perth 2m hcap hdl (5) £4,225 good).
O'FAOLAINS GLORY (10-10) 16-1 handy, lost position after 4 out, gradually weakened, 10th of 12 (btn 38l) to Marty Mcfly (11-3) (Carlisle 2m hcap ch (2) £20,576 good to soft).
JUST DOTTIE (11-1) 4-1 in rear, ridden 2 out, kept on same pace before last, 3rd of 6 (btn 4l) to Pergamon (11-9) (Perth 2m hcap hdle (4) £5,281 good).
ANNIE AGNEW (10-13) 16-1 always behind, pushed along 3 out, weakened, last of 10 (btn 45l) to Bruant (11-7) (Downpatrick 2m 3f hcap hdle €7,200 good to yielding).
GARDE DES CHAMPS (11-2) 5-1 in rear, ridden 3 out, stayed on, no chance with winner, btn 10l by Conquer The Breeze (11-12) (6 ran) (Perth 2m hcap ch (4) £5,281 good).

3.32 MALCOLM GROUP HANDICAP HURDLE (5) winner £5,281; 3m (11 runners)

1 57-412 **DOLLY DIOR 34**
P Neville 5-12-0 ..... **Brian Hughes 97**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £8,563
Good 2nd here last month, Hexham win in June, conditions suit, player

2 23-1B2 **OCTOBER HILL 20**
D Pipe 6-11-12 ..... **Rian Corcoran (5) 98**
Runs: 16 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 7 £16,922
2nd at Uttoxeter last month, Ffos Las hcap winner in May, shortlist

3 34/28- **JUST OOT 427**
S Corbett 6-11-11 ..... **Nathan Moscrop 95**
Runs: 6 Places: 2 £3,952
Btn 4w 2nd at Kelso May '25, ground excuses at Hexham, place claims if fit

4 4-7311 **DALILEO 34 (CD)**
L Harrison 11-11-10 ..... **Callum Bewley ●99**
Runs: 62 Wins: 6 (F,5G) Places: 15 £57,163
Completed a double over C&D last month, 6lb rise, tough to oppose

5 448-50 **BROKEN ICE 32 (CD)**
J McConnell (Ire) 10-11-9 ..... **Alex Harvey (3) 80**
Runs: 51 Wins: 3 (2G) Places: 11 £44,027
Won this last year, out of form since, needs major revival, ignore

6 0/P-4P **CEOL DRAIOCHTA 34**
A Nicol 5-11-9 ..... **Ryan Mania 90**
Runs: 9 Places: 1 £2,728
Encouraging 4th at Kelso in May, pulled up again here last month, e-w

7 6/59-1 **DRUMLEE MYTH 26**
S McParlan (Ire) 7-10-11 ... **Mr Noel McParlan (3) 96**
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 3 £7,257
Recorded first success at Carlisle last month, needs to be taken seriously

8 4480-0 **MAGIC GLOVES 69**
L Russell & M Scudamore 5-10-5 ..... **Derek Fox 83**
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 Places: 1 £1,994
10th here in June after wind op, back up to 3m a plus, needs more

9 54-793 **FORTUNES DAWN 34**
W Young Jnr 7-10-3 ..... **Peter Kavanagh 85**
Runs: 8 Places: 1 £1,254
Novice 3rd here last month, tough mark for hcap debut, others preferred

10 56-P9P **BURGUNDY MAN 44**
R Smith 9-10-2 ..... **Bruce Lynn 79**
Runs: 26 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 8 £20,137
Chase winner here in Oct '25, has lost his way and out of form, ignore

11 P-P8 **QUINNFINITY 44**
R Smith 4-10-2 ..... **Toby Wynne 85**
Runs: 3 £0
Only completed race was here last month (always behind), others better

BETTING: 9-4 Dalileo, 10-3 October Hill, 4 Drumlee Myth, 5 Dolly Dior, 8 Ceol Draiochta, Just Oot, 33 Fortunes Dawn, Quinnfinity, 50 Magic Gloves, Burgundy Man, Broken Ice
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 2 PU 6 7
2025: Broken Ice 9-11-7, Alex Harvey 9-2 (J McConnell Ire), 11 ran.

Sunracing FORM

DOLLY DIOR (11-0) 15-2 tracked front pair, pushed along 2 out, blundered last, not recover, btn 3¹/₄l by Holy Joe (11-2) **FORTUNES DAWN** (10-7) 250-1 in rear, pushed along 6th, plugged on run-in, 3rd (btn 25l) (5 ran) (Perth 2¹/₂m nov hdle (4) £5,446 good).
OCTOBER HILL (11-7) 4-1 mid-division, headway 3 out, no impression on winner run-in, btn 3¹/₄l by Tommy Cullen (11-1) (8 ran) (Uttoxeter 2¹/₂m hcap hdle (5) £3,697 good).
JUST OOT (11-12) 4-1 midfield, driven 2 out, kept on last, 8th of 9 (25l) to Winds Of Winter (11-3) (Hexham 2m cond hcp hdl (5) £4,806 good to soft).
DALILEO (10-3) 7-2 in rear, pushed along and headway 3 out, ran on well run-in, bt Secret Trix (9-2) 2³/₄l (Perth 3m hcap hdle (4) £5,281 good).
BROKEN ICE (11-10) 25-1 towards rear, never a factor, 10th of 15 (btn 33l) to Small Bucks (11-3) (Downpatrick 2¹/₂m hcap hdle €6,000 good).
CEOL DRAIOCHTA pulled up latest, earlier (11-1) 13-2 prominent, outpaced by leaders before last, weakened, 4th of 9 (btn 9l) to Nobotheratall (11-1) (Kelso 2m nov hdle (4) £5,446 good).
DRUMLEE MYTH (10-9) 14-1 held up in rear, pressed leader 2 out, ridden to lead run-in, kept on, bt Born Like Me (10-11) 1³/₄l (9 ran) (Cartmel 2¹/₂m hcap hdle (5) £3,459 good).
MAGIC GLOVES (11-1) 22-1 pressed leader, mistake 4 out, weakened before 2 out, 10th of 12 (btn 25l) to Betteryouthanme (11-5) (Perth 2m nov hcap hdl (5) £4,225 good).
BURGUNDY MAN pulled up latest, earlier **DALILEO** (11-4) 18-1 towards rear, pushed along after 3 out, ridden before last, no chance with front duo, 3rd of 13 (btn 19l) to Our Girl Sal (11-4) **BURGUNDY MAN** (11-1) 25-1 led, pushed along and headed 3 out, weakened, 9th (45l) (13 ran) (Perth 3m hcap hdle (5) £4,225 good).
QUINNFINITY (10-7) 250-1 always behind, jumped right 2 out, 8th of 9 (btn 2l) to Scriabin (11-4) (Perth 2m mdn hdle (4) £5,446 good).

4.05 SCONE ESTATES STONE OF DESTINY HCAP HURDLE (2) £13,008; 2m (8 runners)

1 1433P- **THE LAST CLOUD 168 (CD)**
P Neville 6-12-0 ..... **Brian Hughes 98**
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (3G) Places: 2 £42,174
Not seen since pulling up in Kelso Grade 2, drop in class a plus, shortlist

2 851-11 **FILIBUSTERING 48 (D)**
H Derham 5-12-0 ..... **Paul O'Brien ●99**
Runs: 9 Wins: 4 (GS,3G) Places: 1 £46,899
Beat Nap Hand by 8l at Cartmel in June, unbeaten in his last 3 starts, major claims

3 151-13 **SQUEEZEBOX 28 (H;D)**
T Lacey 7-11-4 ..... **Stan Sheppard 94**
Runs: 5 Wins: 3 (3G) Places: 1 £17,493
Good 3rd at Market Rasen last month, conditions suit, place claims

4 /2132- **MEDIEVAL GOLD 172 (B★;BF,CD)**
P Neville 6-11-2 ..... **Derek Fox 97**
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (S,GS) Places: 4 £25,362
In great form last season, blinkers tried and every chance if fit after break

5 /R-131 **FIDENDUM 41 (H)**
D Killahena & G McPherson 7-11-1 **Nick Slatter (3) 95**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 1 £13,856
Made it two wins from three at Market Rasen last month, bold bid expected

6 438-22 **NAP HAND F29 (D)**
C Gordon 6-10-10 ..... **Fern O'Brien (5) 89**
Runs: 11 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 6 £33,706
Pair of 2nds at Cartmel and Warwick, Flat runs should sharpen up but needs more

7 23-421 **SCRIABIN 44 (CD)**
L Russell & M Scudamore 6-10-9 . **Patrick Wadge 91**
Runs: 12 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 6 £17,816
C&D win in maiden in July, hcp 2nd here in June, up in class, this tougher

8 75-443 **PURE GOLD 34 (CD)**
L Harrison 6-10-3 ..... **Peter Kavanagh 92**
Runs: 19 Wins: 3 (GS,2G) Places: 5 £27,295
A return-to-form 3rd here last month, up in class, needs more in this company

BETTING: 2 Filibustering, 3 The Last Cloud, 13-2 Medieval Gold, 15-2 Fidendum, 10 Scriabin, Squeezebox, Pure Gold, 20 Nap Hand
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 6 1 6 3
2025: Here Comes Georgie 7-10-6, Brian Hughes 3-1 (P Neville), 6 ran.

Sunracing FORM

THE LAST CLOUD pulled up latest, earlier (11-0) 18-5 fav tracked leaders on inner, pushed along after 3 out, ridden 2 out, went modest third last, made no impression, 3rd of 12 (btn 18l) to Thedeviluno (11-0) (Doncaster 3m nov hdle Grd 2 (1) £45,774 soft).
FILIBUSTERING (11-3) 9-1 mid-division, closed 2 out, led last, drew clear run-in, stayed on well, bt **NAP HAND** (10-7) 17-2 chased leaders, not fluent 2 out, led before last, mistake at last and headed, no impression on winner run-in, 8¹/₂l (9 ran) (Cartmel 2m 1f hcap hdle (2) £22,708 good).
SQUEEZEBOX (11-0) 16-1 held up in rear, ridden and headway into third 2 out, kept on and briefly disputed second approaching last, stayed on same pace, 3rd of 13 (btn 6³/₄l) to High Fibre (10-7) (Market Rasen 2m 1f hcap hdle (2) £26,405 good).
MEDIEVAL GOLD (11-6) 9-4 fav held up in touch, not fluent 7th, progress before 3 out, pushed along into second before 2 out, stayed on run-in, held by winner, btn 1l by Geromino (11-9) (8 ran) (Catterick 2m 3f hcap hdle (3) £6,337 good to soft).
FIDENDUM (11-13) 15-8 fav made all, pushed along before 2 out and faced challenge, ridden before last, kept on gamely, always doing enough, bt Crown Of India (10-12) 3¹/₄l (7 ran) (Market Rasen 2m 1f hcap hdle (4) £4,621 good).
SCRIABIN (11-4) 11-10 fav made all, ridden and pressed for lead before 2 out, led narrowly approaching last, kept on well, always doing enough towards finish, bt Try Them (11-0) 3¹/₄l (9 ran) (Perth 2m mdn hdle (4) £5,446 good).
PURE GOLD (10-12) 5-1 towards rear, improved before 2 out where disputed 3rd, ridden run-in and staying on when denied clear run behind front pair closing stages, 3rd of 9 (1³/₄l) to Lets Mingle (10-13) (Perth 2¹/₂m hcap hdle (4) £5,281 good).

4.40 BROOKS MACDONALD HANDICAP CHASE (5); value to the winner £6,337; 3m. (7 runners)

1 85P-73P **SHANTOU SHOW 24 (D)** N Kelly (Ire) 10-12-0 ..... **Sean Bowen 89**
2 8050-61 **BUTTON ROCK 44 (C)** A Hamilton 6-11-12 ..... **Derek Fox 97**
3 87351/3 **LE MALIN 26** S McParlan (Ire) 12-11-12 ..... **Mr Noel McParlan (3) 98**
4 4-3P311 **EDGEWELL 36 (B;D)** N Scholfield 8-11-10 ..... **Harry Reed ●99**
5 6P30-P4 **COLLINGHAM 22 (V)** J Coulson 8-11-7 ..... **Philip Armson (3) 93**
6 2PP7-54 **MCGREGORS CHARGE 27 (CD)** P Gundry 8-10-7 ..... **Ben Godfrey 88**
7 314P4P- **BALLYDANGAN 149 (D)** H Burns 9-10-6 ..... **Peter Kavanagh 82**

BETTING: 15-8 Edgewell, 9-4 Le Malin, 11-4 Button Rock, 10 Collingham, 16 Shantou Show, McGregors Charge, 66 Ballydangan
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 5
2025: McGregors Charge 7-10-8 Toby Wynne 7-2 (Ella Pickard), 8 ran.

5.15 SCONE PALACE INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS NH FLAT (COND/AMS) (5); £2,722; 2m. (4 runners)

1 5- **CAPTAIN MAINWARING 282** N&W Twist-Davies 4-10-13. **Miss A Jackson-Fennell (7) 75**
2 **PF-4 DARK TIDE RISING 98** T George 4-10-13 ..... **Mr Harry O'Dwyer (7) 85**
3 **2-P43 DOWNTOWN NASHVILLE 31 (BF)** O Murphy 4-10-13. **Lewis Saunders (5) 96**
4 4 **GAME SHADOW 78** J McConnell (Ire) 4-10-13 ..... **Alex Harvey (3) ●99**

BETTING: 11-10 Game Shadow, 6-4 Downtown Nashville, 8 Dark Tide Rising
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 6
2025: Coutach 4-10-8 J H Williamson 3-1 (G Elliott(Ire)), 9 ran.

DOGS WITH CHRIS OLIVER

ANGEL could be a bet from heaven at Monmore.

Following a string of good efforts in defeat in A6 company, **CHUCKIES ANGEL** (6) gets a welcome drop in class at 11.18 and she can gain a deserved success.

She is already a winner at this level and this fast finisher can prove too strong if getting the gaps.

Another fancied to make the most of being eased in grade is **HITIT AGENDAVY** (T4), who goes in the A3 at 12.42. Brian Thompson's dog has been pacing up well in A2 events without being able to get on the bunny, but he can do so now with his sights lowered.

He won an A1 in April and could have too much early dash for these rivals.

It's back to Monmore for the main action this evening for the semi-finals of the Ladbrokes Gold Cup, with **HEADFORD CIAN** (5) fancied to make the most of a good draw at 8.14.

Maxine Locke's dog was a head second to the smart Woltemade last week but is drawn inside that rival this time and should get plenty of room with Anglesey Milo heading for the rails on his inside.

He has impressive all-round pace and could be hard to hold with a slightly better start this time.

There are also three semi-finals of the Ladbrokes Summer Stayers Classic on the menu and **DROOPYS DEPLOY** (5) makes plenty of appeal at 7.34. Jason Heath's inmate was an unlucky second to the reopposing Malcom Bosh a week ago and has a chance to lead up in the weakest semi-final.

■SELECTIONS: Chuckies Angel (T6 11.18 Monmore), Hitit Agendavy (T4, 12.42 Monmore), Droopys Deploy (T5, 7.34 Monmore), Headford Cian (T5, 8.14 Monmore).

SELECTIONS

■MONMORE: 11.01 Yama Nightmare (1-2-5) 1.18 Chuckies Angel (6-4-5) 11.34 Thirty Seconds (5-4-1) 11.52 Inca Darling (3-4-2) 12.09 Missy Jackell (nap) (5-2-4) 12.26 Dashgrove Posh (2-5-4) 12.42 Tromora Force (3-4-5) 12.59 Noduff Alpha (3-4-1) 117 Noduff Tropicana (nb) (4-5-6) 1.33 Aero Dignity (5-6-4) 1.51 Phoenix Posh (2-4-1) 2.07 Union Finale (2-4-6)

■TOWCESTER: 2.18 Ballymac Pallas (5-4-1) 2.38 Helen Of Sparta (3-6-1) 2.58 Loughmore (nap) (2-4-3) 318 Makeit Lottie (nb) (3-1-4) 3.38 Romantic Bingo (3-6-2) 3.58 Scooby Rembrandt (5-4-2) 4.18 Essex Abbie (6-3-1) 4.38 Miss Brillo (2-1-4) 4.58 Confey Story (4-6-5) 518 Cragbrien Hero (6-3-5) 5.36 Is This Wise (2-1-4) 5.55 Benjamin Barclay (5-1-6)

■NEWCASTLE: 2.28 Insolas The Boss (2-6-3) 2.48 Four Over (nap) (5-6-3) 3.08 Tina On Fire (5-4-1) 3.28 Canny Stunner (2-1-4) 3.48 Proud One (3-2-6) 4.08 Alnwick Tornado (nb) (4-3-5) 4.28 Girl Of Exile (6-1-5) 4.48 Mossend Jan (4-5-3) 5.08 Swift Rabbit (2-3-5) 5.24 Alnwick Haws (5-6-2) 5.43 Brickkiln Matty (1-6-3) 6.01 Geordie Gordon (3-6-1)

RETURNS

■NEWCASTLE: 2.36 Blackhouse Lewi 7-4jt (2-5-1 BAGS F £8.51). 2.54 Greenwell Crazy 4-9f (2-3-4 £5.36). 313 Swift Enjoy 7-2 (6-5-1 £15.26 TC £24.33). 3.32 Millhill Yogi 11-8jt (4-3-6 £12.06). 3.51 Abit of Mason 11-4 (4-1-3 £17.96 TC £35.28). 4.09 A Bit of Megan 9-4 (5-4-6 £13.95 TC £21.01). 4.28 Jackos Cody 10-1 1f (1-4-3 £7.31 TC £18.74). 4.47 Jacktavern Zoe 2-1f (4-2-3 £2916 TC £78.87). 5.06 Whitehills Ted 7-2 (2-3-6 £16.23 TC £43.93). 5.24 Lostrigg Buck 8-1 1f (1-3-5 £7.90 TC £18.55). 5.43 Frankies Winner 13-8f (5-5-6 £5.29 TC £17.73).

■KINSLEY: 2.29 Keston Rose 5-2 (1-3-4 BAGS F £6.77). 2.48 Crystal Zeus 9-4f (1-4-5 £1.81). 3.07 Lundhill Ellie 10-3 (1-2-3 £13.85 TC £40.59). 3.26 Lantern Bright 3-1 (3-1-5 £1.89 TC £34.48). 3.44 Ninja Berkley 11-8f (2-4-1 £9.63 TC £27.24). 4.03 Costly Chips 13-8f (1-2-5 £12.54). 4.22 Grumpy Pip 9-4f (6-3-5 £9.74 TC £28.08). 4.41 Grumpy Mia 5-2jt (3-1-4 £10.36 TC £25.67). 4.50 Crystal Jess 4-1 (2-6-5 £26.44). 518 Tomahurra Winter 5-1 (2-6-3 £40.91 TC £82.29). 5.37 Lamia Evensf (4-1-2 £5.92 TC £14.31).

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GOING: STANDARD

TEMPLEGATE
5.13 .... Belle Of Kt
5.46 .... He's Readytorumble
6.16 .... Wyle Cop
6.46 .... Logi Bear
7.16 .... Sceptic
7.46 .... Fallacious Promise

TOM PEPPER
5.13 .... Sea Of Charm
5.46 .... Paradise Angel
6.16 .... Wyle Cop
6.46 .... Logi Bear
7.16 .... Monks Mead
7.46 .... Mbappe

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed all-weather Polytrack of 1m 2f, 2f run-in. ■DRAW: Little effect. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): A Carroll 71-625, S Dow 37-345, D M Simcock 33-205, James Owen 32-170. THIS SEASON: A Carroll 19. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): L Morris 84-749, P Cosgrave 21-216, J Callan 17-78, P-L Jamin 13-85. THIS SEASON: L Morris 24. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Pen Lan Icon (5.46) & Far Too Fizzy (6.46) trip of 390 miles. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

5.13 HANDICAP (Class 6); winner £3,768; 1m 5f. (9 runners)
1 (3) 0-12 **TENADAAY 157** F O'Brien 4-9-9 .... **D Costello**
2 (4) -452 **BEGGARMAN 16 (D)** H Morrison 9-9-8 .... **J Callan**
3 (7) 3111 **BELLE OF KT 3** J Moore 5-9-8 ...... **M Wonnacott (5)**
4 (1) 2115 **PUREIS KING 18 (BF)** F Bramley 4-9-7 **R Kavanagh (3)**
5 (9) 7632 **SEA OF CHARM 15 (C)** G Nicholls 8-9-7 .... **W Cox**
6 (2) 1335 **MAYWEDANCE 3** J O'Shea 4-9-5 .... **M Paetel (5)**
7 (5) 1414 **BELLE AMIE 50 (BF)** D Simcock 4-9-5 **T Langley (5)**
8 (8) -487 **LOUIE'S FOLLY 15** F O'Brien 4-9-4 . **L Coughlan (3)**
9 (6) 0840 **INTO COMBAT 9 (H★;BF)** Sir M Prescott 4-9-3 **L Morris**
Sea Of Charm ●99, Belle Of Kt 98, Beggarman 97.
10-3 Belle Of Kt, 9-2 Sea Of Charm, 5 Beggarman, 11-2 Tenadaay

5.46 MAIDEN STAKES (5); 2-y-o; winner £4,320; 6f. (11 runners)
1 (7) 64 **HE'S READYTORUMBLE 33** J Channon 9-7 **E Greatrex**
2 (11) 7 **LAUNCHPAD 33** N Littmoden 9-7 .... **S Donohoe**
3 (8) **PREMIUM SEAT** J Moore 9-7 .... **W Cox**
4 (10) 4 **UNCLE FRANK 75** C Cox 9-7 .... **G Dobie**
5 (5) 65 **POSTREMO 16** J Moore 9-4 .... **M Wonnacott (5)**
6 (9) 68 **SILENT SADHU 21** J Jenkins 9-4 .... **R Downey**
7 (6) 74 **HONEYMOON BEAR 23** J Parr 9-2 .... **L Morris**
8 (2) **PARADISE ANGEL** J Osborne 9-2 .... **W Carver**
9 (3) **PEN LAN ICON** D Loughnane 9-2 .... **L Pearson**
10 (1) 6 **SNOW ON THE BEACH 81 (H★)** J Owen 9-2 **M Paetel (5)**
11 (4) 5 **WEST TO REST 11** E Dunlop 8-13 .... **J Callan**
Honeymoon Bear ●99, West To Rest 98, Uncle Frank 97.
2 Uncle Frank, 3 Honeymoon Bear, 4 West To Rest, He's Readytorumble

6.16 HANDICAP (5); 3-y-o; winner £4,397; 5f. (4 runners)
1 (3) -420 **LONDON IS BLUE 19 (D)** R Cowell 9-9 .. **E Greatrex**
2 (2) 3551 **WYLE COP 7 (B;CD)** J Jones 9-9 .... **P Jamin**
3 (1) 1250 **ENTER SANDMAN 60 (C,D)** R Spencer 9-6 **J Callan**
4 (4) 3253 **STOCK MARKET 67** A Carroll 8-9 .... **L Morris**
Wyle Cop ●99, Enter Sandman 98, Stock Market 97.
5-6 Wyle Cop, 3 Stock Market, 5 Enter Sandman, 6 London Is Blue

6.46 HANDICAP (5); winner £4,397; 6f. (8 runners)
1 (6) 3406 **HIERARCHY 19 (B;CD)** J Osborne 7-9-11 . **W Carver**
2 (1) 0894 **SIR ALFIE 21 (D)** C Pike 3-9-10 .... **T Greatrex**
3 (3) 6040 **RILEY ROCKS 17 (D)** D Cunha 3-9-7 ...... **S Donohoe**
4 (2) 3-20 **PERDY IN PARIS 18** G Baker 3-9-7 .... **B Sayette**
5 (8) 6230 **KIMBARA 36** R Spencer 3-9-7 .... **J Callan**
6 (5) 6292 **LOGI BEAR 25 (D)** J Butler 3-9-6 .... **L Morris**
7 (4) 2116 **PUNCHBOWL FLYER 16 (B;D)** J O'Shea 9-9-5 **A Egan (7)**
8 (7) 3540 **FAR TOO FIZZY 21 (CD)** D Loughnane 3-8-10 **L Pearson**
Logi Bear ●99, Far Too Fizzy 98, Punchbowl Flyer 97.
6-4 Logi Bear, 5 Punchbowl Flyer, 6 Kimbara, 8 Far Too Fizzy, 10 Hierarchy, Sir Alfie, Riley Rocks, 12 Perdy In Paris

Sun FORM
HIERARCHY (9-7) 33-1 dwelt, in rear, pushed along 2f out and stayed on, never threatened, 6th of 12 (btn $2\frac{1}{4}$l) to Modern Times (9-4) (Southwell 6f hcap (5) £5,234 AW).
SIR ALFIE (9-7) 9-1 shifted right start, tracked leaders, went second halfway, ridden over 1f out, faded final 110yds, never a threat, 4th of 5 (btn $3\frac{3}{4}$l) to Debrief (9-9) (Lingfield 6f hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).
RILEY ROCKS (8-9) 40-1 bumped leaving stalls, switched left to race near side, held up in rear, edged right 2f out, ridden over 1f out, soon faded, 20th of 26 (12l) to French Affair (9-2) (Goodwood 6f hcap (4) £20,616 good to firm).
PERDY IN PARIS (8-2) 80-1 led, pushed along and headed 2f out, weakened 1f out, 13th of 14 (btn $8\frac{1}{2}$l) to Rumba Numba (9-7) (Goodwood 1m hcap (3) £25,770 good).
KIMBARA (9-2) 11-1 prominent, pushed along 2f out, weakened 1f out, 10th of 11 (btn $6\frac{3}{4}$l) to Sierra Sands (9-11) (Newmarket 7f hcap (4) £12,885 good to firm).
LOGI BEAR (9-4) 17-2 prominent, pushed along to lead over 1f out, soon pressed, kept on final furlong, headed final strides, btn sh hd by Hoodie Hoo (9-13) (8 ran) (Nottingham 6f hcap (5) £4,187 good to firm).
PUNCHBOWL FLYER (8-9) 33-1 near rear, pushed along 2f out, plugged on, never on terms, 6th of 11 (4l) to Mission Command (8-13) (W'hampton 6f claim (6) £3,564 AW).
FAR TOO FIZZY (9-3) 9-2 in touch with leaders, ridden over 1f out, carried right inside final furlong, weakened towards finish, 10th of 11 (btn 5l) to Maharajas Express (9-8) (Chester 5f hcap (5) £7,731 good).

7.16 HANDICAP (6); winner £3,768; 1m 2f. (8 runners)
1 (7) 6644 **SANSANETTI 26 (CD)** S Williams 4-9-9 **P Cosgrave**
2 (8) 2195 **SCEPTIC 28 (C)** I Williams 6-9-8 ...... **R Kavanagh (3)**
3 (6) -810 **BORDERLINE MADNESS 92 (C)** W Stone 4-9-7 **J Gordon**
4 (3) 6549 **EQUION 33** A Carroll 8-9-6 .... **M Gunn (5)**
5 (5) 44-8 **MAKES ME WONDER 32** D Simcock 4-9-5 **T Langley (5)**
6 (1) 4524 **WRIST ART 4 (V)** J Owen 9-8-12 .... **M Paetel (5)**
7 (2) 3043 **MONKS MEAD 11 (CD)** M Usher 5-8-9 .... **L Morris**
8 (4) 0056 **PURE THEORY 18** S Cassidy 4-8-9 .. **O Carmichael (7)**
Wrist Art ●99, Monks Mead 98, Sansanetti 97.
15-8 Wrist Art, 5-2 Sansanetti, 4 Monks Mead, 7 Sceptic, 12 Borderline Madness, 16 Equion, 25 Makes Me Wonder

7.46 HANDICAP (6); winner £3,768; 1m. (6 runners)
1 (2) 9836 **DARK ROSA 25** G Nicholls 4-10-1 .... **R Dawes (5)**
2 (1) 2058 **SHAMACID 23** S Woods 4-9-12 .... **M Paetel (5)**
3 (3) 3121 **FALLACIOUS PROMISE 5 (CD)** J Butler 3-9-12(6ex) **L Morris**
4 (6) 1676 **MBAPPE 31 (D)** M Loughnane 5-9-8 .... **J Callan**
5 (5) 7884 **CHAPMAN'S PEAK 23 (P★;D)** E Dunlop 3-9-7 **E Greatrex**
6 (4) 9423 **CREDIT FORGEDD IT 16 (BF)** S Dow 3-9-4 **P Cosgrave**
Fallacious Promise ●99, Dark Rosa 96, Credit Forgedd It 95.
4-5 Fallacious Promise, 4 Credit Forgedd It, 13-2 Dark Rosa, 10 Mbappe, 12 Shamacid, 14 Chapman's Peak

DONCASTER

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD)

TEMPLEGATE
2.00 .... Moonjid
2.30 .... One Of The Boys
3.05 .... Noble Prince
3.37 .... Age Of Baroque
4.10 .... Zubaru
4.45 .... Berlinetta
5.20 .... Sound Gloria

TOM PEPPER
2.00 .... Poet's Dawn
2.30 .... Wuood
3.05 .... Son Of A Fish
3.37 .... Nyman
4.10 .... County Carlow
4.45 .... Berlinetta
5.20 .... Sound Gloria

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed, galloping pear-shaped track. Almost 2m round with 4 1/2f run-in. Round and straight miles. ■DRAW: High numbers best on the straight course. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): R Hannon 30-192, D O'Meara 29-275, C Appleby 22-78, R Varian 22-107. THIS SEASON: R Hannon 7, D O'Meara 6, G Scott 5. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): S M Levey 16-88, J Mitchell 12-95, T Eaves 12-128, P Mulrennan 8-112. THIS SEASON: S M Levey 6, D Keenan 2, J Mitchell 2. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Starliner (3.37), Lion's House (4.10), Justmyluck (4.10) trained at East Kilbride. Round trip of 472 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Project Geofin (2.00). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

2.00 SUIT DIRECT AT MEADOWHALL APPRENTICE HCAP (5); value to the winner £4,397; 1m 2f. (7 runners)
1 (3) 170-409 **CANVAS 21 (C)** S Dixon 4-9-7 .... **Mikkel Mortensen 96**
2 (6) 6429-70 **PROJECT GEOFIN 94 (CD)** G Oldroyd 5-9-7 .... **Donagh Murphy (3) 94**
3 (2) 3421250 **AMIDST THE CHAOS 7 (C)** N Tinkler 4-9-6 .... **Ethan Tindall 93**
4 (4) 1663111 **POET'S DAWN 12 (D)** T Easterby 11-9-5 .... **Jake Dickson (3) ●99**
5 (7) 8453175 **MOONJID 20 (D)** M Appleby 4-9-5 .... **Toby Moore (5) 97**
6 (1) 2523346 **QITAAL 16 (BF,CD)** C Johnston 7-9-5 .... **Harry Vigors 98**
7 (5) 6670347 **ECHALAR 13 (H)** I Williams 4-9-4 .... **Conor Whiteley 95**
BETTING: 13-8 Poet's Dawn, 5 Qitaal, 6 Moonjid, 7 Canvas, 8 Echalar, Amidst The Chaos, Project Geofin
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

2.30 SKOPES AT MEADOWHALL NOVICE STAKES (4); value to the winner £5,400; 7f. (4 runners)
1 (1) 06-8 **HOPE AND JOY 39** L Williamson 3-9-7 .... **Oisin McSweeney 70**
2 (2) 2-33 **ONE OF THE BOYS 29 (P★)** M Bell 3-9-7 .... **Jake Dickson (5) 98**
3 (4) 2 **WUOOD 163** R Hannon 3-9-7 .... **Sean Levey ●99**
4 (3) 5-4 **CERCIS 25** I G-Leveque 3-9-2 .... **Darragh Keenan 96**
BETTING: 10-11 One Of The Boys, 6-4 Wuood, 11-2 Cercis, 100 Hope And Joy
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1
2025: Release The Storm 3-9-11 Kevin Stott 13-8 Fav (B Meehan) drawn 4, 9 ran.

3.05 MEADOWHALL X FLANNELS BEAUTY BAR EBF NOVICE STAKES (3); 2-y-o; £7,020; 7f. (6 runners)
1 (2) **IWASJUSTSAYING** C Johnston 9-7 .... **Jack Mitchell —**
2 (6) 652 **MINO 1** M Botti 9-7 .... **Jack Gilligan 93**
3 (5) 7 **MINZAZI 10** R Hannon 9-7 .... **Sean Levey 89**
4 (1) 4 **NOBLE PRINCE 18** C Appleby 9-7 .... **Connor Planas ●99**
5 (3) 5 **SON OF A FISH 40** R Hannon 9-7 .... **Paul Mulrennan 94**
6 (4) 5 **JESSICA 14** K De Foy 9-2 .... **Sam James 97**
BETTING: 13-8 Noble Prince, 3 Jessica, 4 Iwasjustsaying, 7 Mino, 8 Son Of A Fish, 16 Minzazi
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1
2025: Avicenna 9-7 Jack Mitchell 5-6 Fav (R Varian) drawn 5, 7 ran.

3.37 PHASE EIGHT AT MEADOWHALL HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £4,397; 7f. (13 runners)
1 (5) 7341290 **ROCK OPERA 21 (C)** R & P Fahey 6-9-9 .... **Jack Garritty 96**
2 (11) -885111 **IMPERIAL GUARD 19 (D)** M Dods 5-9-9 .... **Sam James ●99**
3 (7) 95-7020 **DOCUMENTING 35 (D)** K Frost 13-9-8 .... **Jack Mitchell 93**
4 (9) 1-00787 **BRIGHT 19 (C)** M Loughnane 6-9-7 .... **Darragh Keenan 90**
5 (12) 3432511 **THAPA VC 18 (B;CD)** M Rimell 8-9-6 .... **Toby Moore (7) 98**
6 (6) 4315028 **BELLA BISBEE 15 (CD)** S Dixon 5-9-6 .... **Christian Howarth (3) 89**
7 (1) 6440643 **NYMAN 7 (D)** R Fell 4-9-6 .... **Cian Horgan (5) 92**
8 (13) 5841060 **CRIMINAL SHORE 8 (V)** D O'Meara 4-9-6 .... **Conor Whiteley (5) 85**
9 (2) 9806078 **SUNRISEONTHEBOYNE 14 (D)** B Haslam 4-9-4 .... **Harry Vigors (5) 87**
10 (10) 9900009 **WAR HOWL 39 (CD)** B Haslam 4-9-3 .... **Paul Mulrennan 84**
11 (3) 1806-90 **THE CHILDE OF HALE 73 (P★;CD)** I Furtado 4-9-0 .... **Tom Eaves 83**
12 (8) -839452 **AGE OF BAROQUE 70 (D)** J Macey 5-8-13 .... **Sean Levey 97**
13 (4) 9388226 **STARLINER 14 (D)** L Perratt 5-8-10 .... **Oisin McSweeney 94**
BETTING: 3 Thapa VC, 4 Imperial Guard, 6 Age Of Baroque, 8 Rock Opera, 10 Starliner, Documenting, Nyman, 14 Bright
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1-6 3
2025: Bear Force One 9-9-8 Kieran O'Neill 40-1 (M Mullineaux) drawn 5, 10 ran.

4.10 FRENCH CONNECTION AT MEADOWHALL HANDICAP (4); value to the winner £5,653; 6f. (10 runners)
1 (7) 3112415 **ZUBARU 42 (CD)** G Scott 4-10-1 .... **Darragh Keenan 97**
2 (5) 0/53171 **GOLDEN LONG 42 (D)** L Souza 6-9-13 .... **Sean Levey 98**
3 (2) 2251155 **ANCIENT STATE 19 (E;D)** A Kirby 4-9-11 .... **William Carson 94**
4 (1) 2412 **COUNTY CARLOW 71 (D)** B Haslam 3-9-10 .... **Paul Mulrennan 92**
5 (9) 107-364 **BRUMMELL 63 (D)** J Camacho 5-9-10 .... **Sam James 95**
6 (6) 2205236 **PAPA COCKTAIL 15 (CD)** M Herrington 7-9-7 .... **Jack Mitchell 96**
7 (8) 33-3231 **FLASH RASCAL 112 (D)** D Loughnane 3-9-0 .... **Nicola Currie ●99**
8 (3) -690583 **SQUEALER 25 (BF,C)** N Tinkler 6-8-13 .... **Faye McManoman 91**
9 (4) 0204042 **LION'S HOUSE 7 (D)** L Perratt 5-8-11 .... **Faleh Bughanaim 93**
10 (10) 3-15085 **JUSTMYLUCK 29 (H)** L Perratt 3-8-9 .... **Oisin McSweeney 85**
BETTING: 7-2 Golden Long, 4 Flash Rascal, 6 Zubaru, 7 Papa Cocktail, 8 Brummell, Ancient State, Lion's House, 12 County Carlow, Squealer, 33 Justmyluck
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

4.45 LUXURY LOOKS FROM THE AVENUE AT MEADOWHALL HANDICAP (RND) (5); 3-y-o; £4,397; 1m. (7 runners)
1 (5) 366411 **CELTIC CHARIOT 23 (CD)** K Frost 9-10 .... **Jack Mitchell ●99**
2 (6) 48-587 **TARADIF 48** J Macey 9-9 .... **Sean Levey 90**
3 (4) 4-81047 **NAPOLIAN 5 (H★;D)** D O'Meara 9-8 .... **Conor Whiteley (5) 95**
4 (3) 53-7551 **BERLINETTA 19 (D)** J Channon 9-6 .... **George Bass 98**
5 (1) 20-6983 **LADY HORNBLOWER 18** J O'Keeffe 9-3 .... **Jack Garritty 96**
6 (2) 7513813 **VEGA'S VIRTUE 12 (D)** T Easterby 9-3 .... **Oisin McSweeney 97**
7 (7) 13-3529 **SNAAFY 15** D Loughnane 9-2 .... **Sam James 92**
BETTING: 7-4 Celtic Chariot, 3 Berlinetta, 9-2 Vega's Virtue, 8 Napolian, 10 Lady Hornblower, Snaafy, 16 Taradif
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1 5
2025: Amidst The Chaos 9-3 Rowan Scott 10-1 (N Tinkler) drawn 1, 7 ran.

5.20 RACEDAY READY WITH MEADOWHALL HANDICAP (6); winner £3,768; 1m 6f 115yds. (8 runners)
1 (8) -011422 **IS SHE NOW 15** D Bourke 8-10-2 .... **Toby Moore (7) 97**
2 (5) 48/7892 **CHARACTER TESTING 18 (V)** M Walford 5-9-12 .... **Jack Garritty 94**
3 (1) 128-226 **JUST ADAIR 18** J & A O'Neill 4-9-10 .... **Paul Mulrennan 98**
4 (6) 7655574 **LEDNIKOV 23 (B)** I Furtado 8-9-7 .... **Elle-May Croot (5) 92**
5 (2) 6-4673 **RAJENDRA 31 (H)** D Simcock 3-9-4 .... **Sean Levey 90**
6 (3) 0-7731 **SOUND GLORIA 24** R Varian 3-9-3 .... **Jack Mitchell ●99**
7 (4) 555-548 **MANBEARPIG 41 (P★)** R Menzies 3-8-12 .... **Faleh Bughanaim 91**
8 (7) 87-055 **ALCANZOR 23 (B★)** T Easterby 3-8-5 .... **Faye McManoman 93**
BETTING: 7-4 Sound Gloria, 4 Is She Now, 5 Just Adair, 8 Character Testing, 10 Lednikov, Alcanzor, 12 Manbearpig, 14 Rajendra
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

TRAMORE

YIELDING (GOOD TO YIELDING)

EAMONN HAMES
4.50 .... Sea Of The Celts
5.25 .... Davy Crockett
5.55 .... Rodeo Blues
6.25 .... Metamorpheus
6.55 .... Berto Ramirez
7.25 .... Delta
7.55 .... Bynx

TOM PEPPER
4.50 .... Mawhibah
5.25 .... Glittering Gem
5.55 .... A Pretty Penny
6.25 .... Limestone Red
6.55 .... Rakki
7.25 .... Spasiba
7.55 .... Vervain

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed sharp track of 1m, there is a steep descent to the final bend and an uphill finish. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): W P Mullins 4-14, R Donohoe 4-5, J P O'Brien 3-19, H De Bromhead 3-10. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): G F Carroll 4-22, J Powell 2-11, R Colgan 2-14, 2-14. THIS SEASON: R Colgan 2. ■JACKPOT: Races 3-6. PLACEPOT: Races 1-6. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

4.50 FILLIES MAIDEN STAKES; 3-y-o; winner €9,000; 1m 4f. (6 runners)
1 (3) 65 **ESSENTIAL COMEDY 45** C O'Connell 9-3 **R Cleary**
2 (5) 6 **EXPRESS CHOISE 35** K Condon 9-3 . **S McCullagh**
3 (1) 54 **MAWHIBAH 35** J O'Brien 9-3 .... **S Wallace (7)**
4 (6) 56 **PHLOX 33** J Murtagh 9-3 .... **J Powell**
5 (4) **SEA OF THE CELTS** P Twomey 9-3 .... **R Colgan**
6 (2) **U S NAVY SPEARHEAD** P Fahey 9-3 **J O'Gorman (7)**
Phlox ●99, Essential Comedy 98, Mawhibah 97.
11-8 Sea Of The Celts, 11-4 Mawhibah, 7-2 Essential Comedy, 7 Phlox, 16 Express Choise, 33 U S Navy Spearhead

5.25 MAIDEN STAKES; winner €7,200; 1m 4f. (10 runners)
1 (8) **DAVY CROCKETT J82** W P Mullins 5-10-4 .... **D King**
2 (1) 00 **NOTHINGBUTADREAM 99 (H★)** C Timmons 4-10-4. **C Stone-Walsh (3)**
3 (2) **ONLYTHERIVERKNOWS** S O'Donnell 4-10-4 **D O'Keeffe**
4 (4) 4 **SOLNESS J16** J O'Brien 8-10-4 .... **J Slevin**
5 (5) 0-32 **GLITTERING GEM 10** D Weld 4-9-13 .... **S Coen (5)**
6 (6) 5 **KALEO AMETSA J12** J Halley 6-9-13 ..... **J Dalton (7)**
7 (7) 0-06 **KEEP IT TOGETHER 8** D Buckley 8-9-13 ... **B Kennedy (7)**
8 (3) **SHIRZAN J97** P Fahey 4-9-13 .... **J O'Gorman (7)**
9 (10) 0 **AITEALL 9** J O'Brien 3-9-8 .... **S Wallace (7)**
10 (9) **METALLIC** J O'Brien 3-9-8 .... **J Pietropaolo (7)**
Glittering Gem ●99, Solness 98, Kaleo Ametsa 95.
9-4 Metallic, 5-2 Glittering Gem, 7-2 Solness, 9-2 Davy Crockett

5.55 RATED RACE; 3-y-o; winner €7,200; 1m 4f. (8 runners)
1 (7) 7232 **MAXMINELLI 35** H Bromhead 10-2 .... **D O'Keeffe**
2 (8) 4-65 **SUNRUSH 72** A Slattery 10-2 .... **S Coen (5)**
3 (5) 6115 **RODEO BLUES 16 (BF)** J O'Brien 10-1 **J Pietropaolo (7)**
4 (1) 3450 **TANZANITE DIAMOND 9** A McGuinness 10-0 **S McCullagh**
5 (2) 9640 **LOVE ORCHID 15 (B)** N Meade 9-9 .... **N Burns (5)**
6 (6) 1542 **A PRETTY PENNY 39** D Cody 9-7 .... **S Wallace (7)**
7 (3) 5944 **MARE CRISIUM 10** K Condon 9-7 .... **R Colgan**
8 (4) 080 **TICKLE THE CAT 52** K Coleman 9-2 .... **J Powell**
Maxminelli ●99, Rodeo Blues 98, Mare Crisium 97.
5-2 Rodeo Blues, 3 Maxminelli, 9-2 A Pretty Penny, 7 Love Orchid, 8 Mare Crisium, 10 Tanzanite Diamond, Sunrush, 16 Tickle The Cat

6.25 HANDICAP; winner €6,000; 1m 4f. (11 runners)
1 (11) 1085 **MISS AUSTRALIE 10 (D)** A McGuinness 5-10-4 **J Slevin**
2 (10) 1-90 **STEPDANCE 9 (CD)** H Bromhead 6-10-4 **D O'Keeffe**
3 (9) 5837 **TASSAROLO J8** D Hogan 5-10-4 .... **D King**
4 (1) 9-50 **MULLACURRY MAID 37** D Kinsella 4-10-0 **R Colgan**
5 (6) 7-06 **PREPARATIONS 26 (D)** A Slattery 5-10-0 **S Coen (5)**
6 (8) 5-14 METAMORPHEUS J12 A McNamara 7-9-13 .... non-runner
7 (5) 789- **GO FLO JO 267** P Fahey 4-9-8 .... **J O'Gorman (7)**
8 (7) 25-0 **SPINNING WEB 69 (B;D)** Mags Mullins 6-9-7 **N Burns (5)**
9 (4) 4882 **LIMESTONE RED 31** T Collins 6-9-6 .... **R Cleary**
10 (2) -848 **NATHEMA 22 (P★)** A Slattery 3-9-6 .... **J Dalton (7)**
11 (3) /77- **DULEEK STREET J377** J McConnell 8-9-2 **S Rutledge**
Limestone Red ●99, Stepdance 98, Preparations 97.
2 Limestone Red,4 Stepdance, 5 Tassarolo, 7 Miss Australie, 12 Preparations, Nathema, Duleek Street

6.55 HANDICAP; winner €9,000; 1m 4f. (7 runners)
1 (1) 5118 **DABOYA 3 (B;CD)** R Donohoe 5-10-4 ...... **S Coen (5)**
2 (6) 3210 **MARMELADOVA 6 (BF)** K Condon 5-10-2 **R Colgan**
3 (3) 1196 **MERLIN THE WIZARD 16 (D)** R Cody 6-10-1 **R Holohan (7)**
4 (5) 5404 **EXPOUND J93** D Hogan 7-9-12 .... **D King**
5 (2) 6-01 **CHURCHWARDEN 39 (B;CD)** H Bromhead 6-9-10 **G Carroll**
6 (4) /0-5 **RAKKI 17** W P Mullins 5-9-8 .... **B Coen**
7 (7) 84-4 **BERTO RAMIREZ J14** A McNamara 4-9-6 **J Powell**
Merlin The Wizard ●99, Churchwarden 98, Daboya 97.
13-8 Churchwarden, 4 Daboya, 5 Marmeladova, 6 Merlin The Wizard, 7 Rakki, 8 Expound, 10 Berto Ramirez

7.25 HANDICAP; winner €12,000; 2m. (9 runners)
1 (7) -402 **DELTA 37 (BF)** J O'Brien 4-10-7 .... **J Slevin**
2 (6) 06-0 **FILEY BAY 19 (CD)** E Mullins 10-10-3 .... **S Torrens**
3 (9) -280 **CLEAR QUARTZ 19** M Fahey 9-10-1 ..... **J Harnett (7)**
4 (1) 0-20 **PLONTIER 19** T O'Brien 10-9-11 .... **R Holohan (7)**
5 (8) 379/ **SPASIBA J587** W P Mullins 7-9-11 .... **B Coen**
6 (2) 22-3 DREAM ON BABY J14 E Mullins 6-9-8 ...... non-runner
7 (5) -680 **ZOFFMAN 64** N Meade 7-9-3 .... **G Carroll**
8 (4) 9576 **WAY DOWN SOUTH 15** G Scott 7-9-2 ... **N Burns (5)**
9 (3) 9803 **MISS GITANA 23 (CD)** J Murray 5-8-9 **J Pietropaolo (7)**
Spasiba ●99, Miss Gitana 98, Delta 97.
11-4 Delta, 4 Miss Gitana, 5 Spasiba, 13-2 Filey Bay, 8 Plontier, 10 Way Down South, 14 Clear Quartz, 20 Zoffman

Sun FORM
DELTA (11-12) 4-6 fav tracked leaders, ridden 2 out, kept on well under pressure, not reach winner, btn $\frac{3}{4}$l by Murat (11-2) (5 ran) (Leopardstown 1m 7f amat €9,600 good).
PLONTIER (10-13) 66-1 rear, ridden 2f out, no impression, 12th of 20 (13l) to Comfort Zone (11-9) **CLEAR QUARTZ** (10-12) 28-1 rear, ridden 2f out, no impression, 14th (17l) **FILEY BAY** (11-1) 15-2 midfield, ridden 2f out, weakened, 19th (20 ran) (Galway 2m 1f am hcp €66,000 yielding).
SPASIBA (8-9) 14-1 mid-division, ridden 2f out, no extra, 9th of 30 (btn $8\frac{3}{4}$l) to The Euphrates (9-2) **PLONTIER** (9-0) 40-1 tracked leaders, pushed along 3f out, no extra, 23rd (well btn) (Curragh 2m 1f hcap €347,218 good).
DREAM ON BABY (9-4) 8-11 fav prominent, ridden 2f out, no extra, 3rd of 10 ($1\frac{3}{4}$l) to El Galvino (9-9) **WAY DOWN SOUTH** (9-9) 14-1 towards rear, pushed along 2f out, never in contention, 5th (8l) (Tramore $1\frac{1}{2}$m mdn €6,601 good).
ZOFFMAN (9-11) 20-1 rear of mid-division, 12th 3f out, ridden and no impression straight, 13th of 18 (well btn) to Night Moon (9-5) (Fairyhouse $1\frac{3}{4}$m hcap €9,000 good).
WAY DOWN SOUTH (9-2) 40-1 dwelt, held up in last, ridden 2f out, weakened, last of 6 (btn 10l) to Counting Coup (9-9) (Galway $1\frac{3}{4}$m stkss €11,101 yielding to soft).
MISS GITANA (9-6) 33-1 led, ridden a1f out, headed narrowly 1f out, kept on one pace, 3rd of 9 (btn $1\frac{1}{4}$l) to Tatum (9-4) (Leopardstown 1m 7f hcap €9,000 good).

7.55 HANDICAP; winner €6,000; 2m. (12 runners)
1 (7) 3006 **GOD OF THUNDER J9** D Hogan 7-10-4 .... **D King**
2 (12) -442 **VERVAIN 8** D Kelly 4-10-2 .... **J Dalton (7)**
3 (6) 8527 **FINE PRINT J6** J McConnell 5-10-1 .... **S Coen (5)**
4 (2) -681 **BYNX J7 (CD)** M Hassett 8-9-12 .... **B Coen**
5 (8) 6583 MAXWELL SMART 10 T McCourt 5-9-11 ... non-runner
6 (13) 3-34 **BHEAN SAIBHRE J25 (BF)** A Howard 5-9-10 **N Burns (5)**
7 (4) 1-15 **GALLO DELL CIELO 185 (D)** P Flynn 6-9-10 **R Donaghue-Leahy (7)**
8 (10) 8000 **KINGS GESTURE 26 (H★,T★)** M Ryan 5-9-10 **R Holohan (7)**
9 (11) 508/ **FIRE CORAL J23** S Curling 7-9-6 .... **S McCullagh**
10 (1) 4520 **HIGHWAY SIXTY ONE 31 (T★)** L Young 4-9-5 **G Carroll**
11 (9) -426 **SYNCHRONIZE 39 (BF)** J Morrison 5-9-1 **J Pietropaolo (7)**
12 (14) 7-72 **LARIAT J22** L Cusack 10-9-0 .... **R Colgan**
13 (5) 8-47 **STONE RULYA 23 (V★)** E Doyle 4-10-6 .... **RESERVE**
14 (3) 9-00 **CRYPTO CRASH J12** D Budds 5-9-0 .... **RESERVE**
Vervain ●99, Bynx 98, Bhean Saibhre 97.
10-3 Vervain, 11-2 Bynx, 13-2 Bhean Saibhre, Lariat

YOUR ABC CHECK ON TODAY'S RUNNERS

KEY: Dd - Dundalk, Do - Doncaster, L - Lingfield, M - Market Rasen, Nb - Newbury, Nm - Newmarket, P - Perth, R - Ripon, T - Tramore

A Dublin Job 7.34M
A Pretty Penny 5.55T
Aachen 3.30Dd
Act Of Violence 2.10Nm
Addison Grey 2.35Nb
Advance Twentyfive 3.55R
Age Of Baroque 3.37Do
Aghadrum Boy 3.00Dd
Aiteall 5.25T
Al Qayed 1.35Nm
Alcanzor 5.20Do
All The Girls 2.25Dd
Allsortz 2.25Dd
Alma Latina 2.43Nm
Alreem 3.30Dd
Amidst The Chaos 2.00Do
Ana Morello 1.50Dd
Anaisa 2.55R
Anaverna 3.00Dd
Anchors Away 5.10Dd
Ancient State 4.10Do
Andesite 3.55R
Angel Of Promise 4.00Dd
Annie Agnew 2.50P
Another Encore 3.42Nb
Apercu 4.35Dd
Aramram 3.25R
Archduke Ferdinand 2.10Nm
Arcimboldo 5.30M
Ashdown Forest 8.04M
Aspull 5.00Nm
Back In Black 3.10Nb
Ballintubber Boy 7.04M
Ballydangan 4.40P
Ballynoe Boy 8.04M
Barley 3.55R
Barretstown 5.10Dd
Bayaann 4.55Nb
Beach Barbie 1.15Dd
Beau Army 4.00Dd
Beauparc 4.35Dd
Bedwyr 1.45R
Beggarman 5.13L
Bella Bisbee 3.37Do
Belle Amie 5.13L
Belle Le Grand 6.34M
Belle Of Kt 5.13L
Belvedere Blast 7.04M
Berlinetta 4.45Do
Berto Ramirez 6.55T
Best Rate 3.55R
Bex Noir 3.30Dd
Beyond Borders 2.55R
Bhean Saibhre 7.55T
Biggles 1.40P
Bin Jahwar 1.35Nm
Black Forza 2.25Dd
Blue Tulip 4.30R
Borderline Madness 7.16L
Bright 3.37Do
Brighton Boy 3.25R
Brigids Charm 3.00Dd
Broken Ice 3.32P
Brosna Town 5.30M
Brummell 4.10Do
Bucklow Hill 5.00Nm
Bullet Bourbon 4.00Dd
Burgundy Man 3.32P
Button Rock 4.40P
Bynx 7.55T
C'Est Pour Moi 1.40P
Cala Bonita 4.35Dd
Call The Cavalry 3.00Dd
Canvas 2.00Do
Capital Guarantee 3.55R
Captain Mainwaring 5.15P
Carry The Dream 3.00Dd
Cash Cove 3.13Nm
Casilli 5.05R
Cause I Like You 4.00Dd
Cayman Tai 2.10Nm
Celtic Chariot 4.45Do
Centurion's Sister 5.30M
Ceol Draiochta 3.32P
Cercis 2.30Do
Chapman's Peak 7.46L
Character Testing 5.20Do
Cherry Cobbler 5.00Nm
Chloe's Boy 5.10Dd
Christian David 2.35Nb
Churchwarden 6.55T
Classy Jaguar 2.20R
Clean Getaway 6.34M
Clear Quartz 7.25T
Clocker 4.30R
Cloughleagh Bridge 1.50Dd
Collective Power 2.25Dd
Collingham 4.40P
Copper Craft 5.10Dd
Coppull 3.10Nb
Coral Cove 1.45R
Cosmic Soul 2.50P
Coul Dore 5.10Dd
County Carlow 4.10Do
Crackalackin 1.40P
Crayons In The Sky 1.50Dd
Credit Forgedd It 7.46L
Credit Union 5.30M
Criminal Shore 3.37Do
Crypto Crash 7.55T
Crypto Force 4.35Dd
Cuban Grey 2.25Dd
Daboya 6.55T
Dalileo 3.32P
Dancing Steve 5.10Dd
Dandyville 2.25Dd
Daring Leader 5.05R
Dark Ace 2.25Dd
Dark Cloud Rising 3.25R
Dark Rosa 7.46L
Dark Tide Rising 5.15P
Davy Crockett 5.25T
Dee's Mochafella 1.45R
Del Corso 3.50Nm
Delta 7.25T
Destination Unkown 6.04M
Diamondise 3.42Nb
Documenting 3.37Do
Does Mary Know 2.20R
Dog Fox 6.34M
Dojin 2.43Nm
Dolly Dior 3.32P
Dont Get Me Wrong 3.50Nm
Dorney Lake 2.55R
Downtown Nashville 5.15P
Dream Camp 4.55Nb
Dream On Baby 7.25T
Dream's Ka 2.50P
Drumlee Myth 3.32P
Dubai Honour 1.25Nb
Due In June 4.00Dd
Duleek Street 6.25T
Eabha 3.13Nm
Eager Lad 1.15Dd
Eagle One 5.30M
Echalar 2.00Do
Edgewell 4.40P
Educating Rita 2.55R
Eldorado Glory 3.00Dd
Electrical 5.00Nm
Emiza 3.00Dd
Emperor Caradoc 2.55R
Enter Sandman 6.16L
Epic Arch 3.30Dd
Equion 7.16L
Equus Victor 3.30Dd
Ernest Gray 7.04M
Essential Comedy 4.50T
Eternal Angel 6.04M
Explode 4.20Nb
Expound 6.55T
Express Choise 4.50T
Extremely Zain 3.10Nb
Eye Of Dubai 3.25R
Fallacious Promise 7.46L
Famed Again 1.15Dd
Famous Enough 4.00Dd
Fancy Dancer 2.10Nm
Far Too Fizzy 6.46L
Fast Deal 7.34M
Fast Track Harry 3.25R
Feliz Navidad 5.05R
Femme Beauty 3.50Nm
Fidendum 4.05P
Filey Bay 7.25T
Filibustering 4.05P
Fine Point 8.04M
Fine Print 7.55T
Fire Coral 7.55T
Fire Thunder 3.13Nm
First Folio 2.10Nm
Flash Rascal 4.10Do
Flight Control 3.25R
Follow Charlie 2.50P
Follow Me 4.35Dd
Follow Your Luck 2.15P
Forbidden 1.15Dd
Fortification 3.25R
Fortunes Dawn 3.32P
Four Decades 8.04M
Fox In Flight 2.25Dd
Galavanting 3.00Dd
Gallego 3.42Nb
Gallo Dell Cielo 7.55T
Gambling Man 3.42Nb
Game Shadow 5.15P
Gamrai 1.25Nb
Garde Des Champs 2.50P
Garden Oasis 3.55R
Genbu 6.34M
Genoah 4.35Dd
Ghasham 6.34M
Glamorous Breeze 1.55Nb
Glen To Glen 2.15P
Glittering Gem 5.25T
Glory Hyde 2.55R
Go Flo Jo 6.25T
Go Vince Go 2.55R
God Of Fire 8.04M
God Of Thunder 7.55T
Golden Knight 4.55Nb
Golden Long 4.10Do
Gower Prince 6.34M
Grande Cuvee 1.15Dd
Grant Wood 2.55R
Great Acclaim 2.35Nb
Great Bedwyn 4.20Nb
Green Bay Dream 2.20R
Green Sky 2.43Nm
Hamda's Joy 4.25Nm
Harry 2.50P
Havana Blue 2.10Nm
Havana Pusey 2.35Nb
Hawthorn Road 1.40P
He's Readytorumble 5.46L
Hello Friend 2.43Nm
Hierarchy 6.46L
High Point 3.55R
Highest Order 3.30Dd
Highway Sixty One 7.55T
Hijo De La Luna 5.05R
Hip Hop Chrissy 1.50Dd
His Finest Hour 3.55R
Honeymoon Bear 5.46L
Hope And Joy 2.30Do
Horwich 5.05R
Huckleberry Sting 7.34M
Hucklesbrook 1.55Nb
Huit Reflets 7.34M
Humam 2.35Nb
Hurleys Hill 3.00Dd
Hypnotised 1.55Nb
I Bid You Ajou 2.25Dd
I'm Next 3.25R
Ifyouhaveaplan 5.30M
Ile de France 3.30Dd
Imperial Guard 3.37Do
Institute 1.15Dd
Into Combat 5.13L
Iron Fist 4.35Dd
Is She Now 5.20Do
It Just Takes Time 3.25R
Iwasjustsaying 3.05Do
Jentobello 5.30M
Jersey Maverick 5.00Nm
Jessica 3.05Do
Jungle Ruler 3.55R
Just Adair 5.20Do
Just Dottie 2.50P
Just Keeps Rolling 5.30M
Just Oot 3.32P
Justmyluck 4.10Do
Kaleo Ametsa 5.25T
Kanishka 1.55Nb
Kats Bob 2.55R
Keep It Together 5.25T
Kerdos 2.25Dd
Khafiz 3.25R
Kimbara 6.46L
Kinbara Firstdraft 2.15P
King Paddy 3.30Dd
Kings Gesture 7.55T
Kinswoman 1.55Nb
Kitsune Power 5.05R
Kiwi De Cotte 7.04M
Kodi Bear Light 3.13Nm
Kodiac Thriller 3.25R
La Quarite 7.34M
Lady Hornblower 4.45Do
Lady's Court 1.50Dd
Lariat 7.55T
Launchpad 5.46L
Le Malin 4.40P
Lednikov 5.20Do
Lets Mingle 2.50P
Lightning Glory 4.25Nm
Limestone Red 6.25T
Lion's House 4.10Do
Little Sure Shot 3.00Dd
Little Ted 5.05R
Logi Bear 6.46L
London Is Blue 6.16L
London Rose 1.45R
Lone Star 8.04M
Lord Roxby 3.25R
Loriko 6.04M
Lost Signal 4.55Nb
Lots Road 3.42Nb
Louie's Folly 5.13L
Love Orchid 5.55T
Lovers Leap 4.25Nm
Lowlands 7.04M
Lusted 3.30Dd
Mad Jack 1.45R
Maelstrom 2.10Nm
Magic Boy 2.55R
Magic Gloves 3.32P
Magic Runner 5.05R
Magna Cum Laude 3.30Dd
Major Neigh Sayer 1.55Nb
Makes Me Wonder 7.16L
Maktoo 3.42Nb
Manbearpig 5.20Do
Manila Scouse 3.25R
Mare Crisium 5.55T
Mark's Choice 2.55R
Marlena's Prince 5.05R
Marmeladova 6.55T
Master Garvey 4.00Dd
Masterinthewoods 4.20Nb
Mawhibah 4.50T
Maxminelli 5.55T
Maxwell Smart 7.55T
Mayo 6.04M
Maywedance 5.13L
Mbappe 7.46L
McGregors Charge 4.40P
McHenry Sunrise 1.15Dd
Medieval Gold 4.05P
Merlin The Wizard 6.55T
Metallic 5.25T
Metamorpheus 6.25T
Mino 3.05Do
Minzazi 3.05Do
Misava 4.00Dd
Miss Australie 6.25T
Miss Denver 6.34M
Miss Gitana 7.25T
Mister Mojito 5.00Nm
Mister Sox 2.55R
Mister Whippy 3.42Nb
Moliere 3.30Dd
Monks Mead 7.16L
Moonjid 2.00Do
Mosheer 3.42Nb
Mount Atlas 1.25Nb
Mount Pinatubo 1.50Dd
Movin And Groovin 4.00Dd
Moyanna Castle 1.50Dd
Mr Montgomery 3.42Nb
Mullacurry Maid 6.25T
Murashah 3.55R
Musical Accord 4.30R
Musical Touch 3.25R
My Friend Sean 6.34M
My Shayla 3.00Dd
My Vonnie 5.10Dd
Mythical Composer 2.55R
Nap Hand 4.05P
Napolian 4.45Do
Nathema 6.25T
Navajo Point 5.10Dd
Nebrook Star 1.15Dd
Nermal 4.35Dd
Nevasca Cinza 2.10Nm
Never Mind Me 4.00Dd
Never So Brave 3.10Nb
Nicator 4.20Nb
No More Bolero 8.04M
Noble Prince 3.05Do
Norcross Brow 5.00Nm
Northern Champion 3.10Nb
Nosey Book 1.45R
Nothingbutadream 5.25T
Nyman 3.37Do
O'Faolains Glory 2.50P
October Hill 3.32P
Off We Go 1.15Dd
Old Oak 1.45R
One Of The Boys 2.30Do
Onlytheriverknows 5.25T
Optics 1.15Dd
Osterode 1.15Dd
Outside Sun 1.50Dd
Papa Cocktail 4.10Do
Papillondelumiere 8.04M
Paradise Angel 5.46L
Parikarma 7.04M
Park Hall 5.30M
Pen Lan Icon 5.46L
Perdy In Paris 6.46L
Phlox 4.50T
Pinatique 4.20Nb
Pipily 3.50Nm
Plontier 7.25T
Poet's Dawn 2.00Do
Polanco 4.00Dd
Postremo 5.46L
Premium Seat 5.46L
Preparations 6.25T
Prince Of India 3.10Nb
Princess Ivy 3.13Nm
Project Geofin 2.00Do
Punchbowl Flyer 6.46L
Punica Granatum 3.00Dd
Pure Gold 4.05P
Pure Theory 7.16L
Pureis King 5.13L
Qitaal 2.00Do
Quatre Bras 4.35Dd
Queen Leila 4.00Dd
Queen Roslyn 2.43Nm
Quick Of The Night 8.04M
Quinnfinity 3.32P
Rajendra 5.20Do
Rakki 6.55T
Rampage 4.00Dd
Ras Kassar 2.15P
Rathbran Lady 1.50Dd
Rebel Rocker 1.25Nb
Red Tail 3.42Nb
Red Trail 8.04M
Reem Rak 2.43Nm
Regal Envoy 1.55Nb
Renesmee 4.25Nm
Reponse Finale 4.00Dd
Retro Gal 5.10Dd
Rhythm N Hooves 1.55Nb
Ribeye 7.34M
Riddikulus 5.05R
Riley Rocks 6.46L
Rising Sky 5.10Dd
River Spey 1.55Nb
Roach Power 2.55R
Roberto Caro 2.55R
Rock Opera 3.37Do
Rodeo Blues 5.55T
Rogue Jewel 2.20R
Roman Harry 4.00Dd
Royal Zabeel 3.25R
Rule Of The Agency 1.45R
Runman 4.55Nb
Sadie Rose 1.50Dd
Saint Mungo 3.42Nb
San Jose 3.42Nb
Sansanetti 7.16L
Saxon Grace 5.05R
Scarlet Dream 1.50Dd
Scarlet Dynasty 1.45R
Sceptic 7.16L
Scoville 2.35Nb
Scriabin 4.05P
Sea Of Charm 5.13L
Sea Of The Celts 4.50T
Secret Guest 2.10Nm
Seven Questions 1.55Nb
Shahada Ace 5.10Dd
Shamacid 7.46L
Shantou Show 4.40P
She's Too Kool 3.00Dd
Shirzan 5.25T
Silent Force 3.42Nb
Silent Sadhu 5.46L
Sir Alfie 6.46L
Sir Les Patterson 2.25Dd
Six Wings 4.00Dd
Skirt Around 4.30R
Slieve Binnian 4.35Dd
Snaafy 4.45Do
Snow On The Beach 5.46L
Solness 5.25T
Son Of A Fish 3.05Do
Sound Gloria 5.20Do
Spasiba 7.25T
Special Operations 1.45R
Spinning Web 6.25T
Squealer 4.10Do
Squeezebox 4.05P
St Just In Time 1.40P
Star Harbour 4.35Dd
Starliner 3.37Do
Starlit 1.50Dd
Steel Cut 4.35Dd
Stellar Sunrise 2.35Nb
Step In Style 1.50Dd
Stepdance 6.25T
Steppinoncats 3.00Dd
Stock Market 6.16L
Stone Rulya 7.55T
Storm Eric 5.10Dd
Stormy Music 4.25Nm
Strike 2.10Nm
Strike De Vega 3.00Dd
Strikepoint 1.15Dd
Struth 2.50P
Sukanya 3.10Nb
Summergrounds 2.50P
Sunny Orange 5.05R
Sunriseontheboyne 3.37Do
Sunrush 5.55T
Swiped 3.55R
Symbol Of Honour 3.10Nb
Synchronize 7.55T
Tabletalk 1.25Nb
Taj Mahal Palace 2.20R
Talitha Rouge 4.30R
Tamarind Bay 2.15P
Tanzanite Diamond 5.55T
Taradif 4.45Do
Tassarolo 6.25T
Temple Court 1.45R
Tenacious 4.00Dd
Tenadaay 5.13L
Thapa VC 3.37Do
The Childe Of Hale 3.37Do
The Clonmel Kid 7.34M
The First Drop 1.45R
The Last Cloud 4.05P
The Thames Boatman 1.55Nb
Threebiggulps 5.10Dd
Tiberio Force 5.05R
Tickle The Cat 5.55T
Tolstoy 2.55R
Tommo's Queen 1.45R
Tortola 5.10Dd
Tosca No Candis 1.50Dd
Touch The Moon 4.35Dd
Tracker Issue 1.40P
Trek Home 3.00Dd
Tribal Star 4.35Dd
Trovao Dourado 3.00Dd
Try Them 1.40P
Tryfan 4.20Nb
Tudor Flame 1.15Dd
U S Navy Spearhead 4.50T
Uncle Al 7.34M
Uncle Frank 5.46L
Valiant Force 2.25Dd
Vega's Virtue 4.45Do
Verona Basilica 3.30Dd
Vervain 7.55T
Vince L'Amour 2.55R
Waaqed 1.35Nm
War And Love 5.05R
War Howl 3.37Do
Way Down South 7.25T
Way Maker 5.30M
West To Rest 5.46L
Westmorian 2.55R
Wheels Of Fire 1.55Nb
White Smoke 1.15Dd
Who Wants Me 2.55R
Wild Thoughts 4.55Nb
Wine Dark Sea 1.25Nb
Wingit 5.10Dd
Witch Hunter 2.35Nb
Without Love 5.10Dd
Witness Stand 3.10Nb
Woodleigh 5.05R
Woodstock 2.55R
Wrist Art 7.16L
Wuood 2.30Do
Wyle Cop 6.16L
Youveonlyonemother 3.30Dd
Yquem 5.10Dd
Ziggy's Triton 1.55Nb
Zoffman 7.25T
Zubaru 4.10Do

Favourite 8-1

NOTTINGHAM FOREST went through four managers last season. New gaffer Oliver Glasner is an 8-1 shot with Coral to be the first Prem boss axed this term.

33-1

LAMINE YAMAL'S Barcelona are 33-1 with Ladbrokes to defend their LaLiga title plus add the Copa del Rey and the Champions League crown this season.

Notts County v Leicester

12.30pm, sky sports football

TWO years ago Russell Martin and Leicester were in the Prem.

Now the ex-Southampton manager and the Foxes are on the same side, facing a long road back from League One.

The 2016 Premier League winners have been here once before, going up as champions in 2009.

Today's hosts Notts County came up via the play-offs, it's a derby, so narrow away win's the tip, as is Tommy Watson *(left)* to score anytime at 19-5 with Vbet.

FORECAST: 1-2

Leicester to beat Notts Co and over 2.5 goals

11-1

BETGOODWIN

Sheff Utd v Birmingham

5.30pm, sky sports football talkSPORT

BIRMINGHAM were all the rage in the Champo title betting last season after blazing up from League One.

Not so much now, with the Blues currently 25-1 to win it. Tonight's hosts Sheffield United are 28-1 — but both can be expected to make serious promotion runs.

Blades have brought in Matt Doherty and Kalvin Phillips — and can shade this.

Patrick Bamford *(left)* loves scoring against City and is 23-10 with Vbet to strike anytime.

FORECAST: 2-1

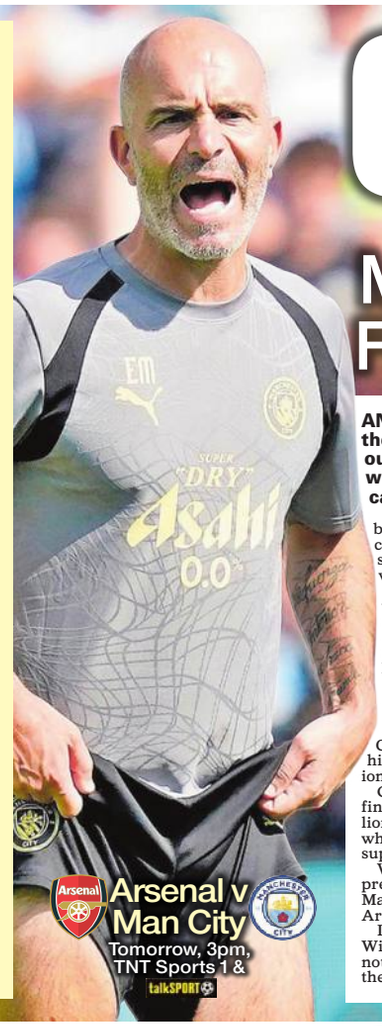
Sheffield Utd to edge out Birmingham 2-1

8-1

BETGOODWIN

Odds & Enz

MARESCA'S GOT BIG SHOES TO FILL AND MUST LEARN QUICKLY



Arsenal v Man City

Tomorrow, 3pm, TNT Sports 1 & talkSPORT

ANYONE called Enzo knows they are expected to be quick out of the blocks — especially when you're chasing a bloke called Pep Guardiola.

The legendary Manchester City boss called time on his Etihad career at the end of last season, signing off with a third FA Cup win and fifth League Cup triumph.

Throw in six Premier League titles, a Champions League, a Super Cup, a Club World Cup and three of these Community Shields and that's a 20-trophy haul in ten seasons.

Enzo Maresca *(left)*, you're on next. Keep 'em laughing.

To his credit the Italian has a Club World Cup and a Europa Conference title on his CV from his time at Chelsea and a Championship title win with Leicester.

Good start. He also inherits a fine squad reinforced with £116million midfielder Elliot Anderson, who looked good value during his superb World Cup for England.

While City have been decent in pre-season, seeing off Atletico Madrid 3-1 last time out, champions Arsenal have looked a little jittery.

In the absence of the injured William Saliba and Jurrien Timber, not only have they let in seven in their last three games, they lost two of them to Borussia Dortmund and Real Betis.

Two significant signings have made their way to the Emirates in the shape of Newcastle midfielder Bruno Guimaraes and Brugge winger Christos Tzolis.

And Coral's John Hill has not been put off by their iffy pre-season showing ahead of tomorrow's Community Shield clash in Cardiff.

He said: "Arsenal remain the team to beat for me and the business they've done make them a stronger squad than last season. But I think it's going to be tough for City. Enzo still has to prove himself – some Chelsea fans were not impressed with him.

"So I'm taking the Premier League winners to put down an early marker. Arsenal can be backed at 6-4 in the 90 mins betting.

"There are usually goals in this game, so I'm also backing Arsenal to win 2-1 at 15-2."

There's nothing in the betting on these two, Arsenal 13-8 and City 6-4. So the obvious play is the draw at a best-priced 13-5 with bet365.

The last three have been exactly that, as have six of the last nine. No 0-0s in there, so I'll be taking the marginally better draw and BTTS at 7-2 with the same firm.

All's well that Enz well.

By KEVIN DUNNE

ROLL UPS. Luckily I gave 'em up years ago. But the other ones, like who's getting promoted from the Championship, League One and League Two, still hit the spot.

As mentioned elsewhere on these pages, Wolves are a solid pick to bounce back from the Championship.

In League One, Graham Alexander at the helm (previous promotions with Fleetwood and Salford) gives me confidence in Bradford going one better than last season's play-off exit.

In League Two, Steve Evans remarkably led Bristol Rovers out of big trouble last term on the back of one loss in their final 14 games.

Backing all three to go up pays a best-priced 49-1 with BetVictor.

TOP TIPS

PRO BET

NORWICH to beat West Brom, Oxford to beat MK Dons, Northampton to beat Swindon, Grimsby to beat Exeter, Chesterfield to beat Fleetwood. Acca pays 30-1 with Coral.

RETIREMENT BET

PRESTON to win at Bolton, Reading to beat Luton, Bromley to win at Barnsley, Doncaster to win at Mansfield, Stockport to win at Plymouth, Newport to beat Rochdale, Bristol Rovers to win at York, Watford to beat Southampton. Perm 1 x Acca, 8 x 7-folds, 28 x 6-folds. Acca pays 12,368-1 with Betfred.

AWAY DAY

MILLWALL to win at Bristol City, Stevenage at Burton, Sheff Wed at Orient, Rotherham at Cheltenham. Acca pays 49-1 with Betfred.

TOP DRAW

CHARLTON v Derby, Blackpool v Wigan, Tranmere v Shrewsbury, Barnet v Salford. Acca pays 126-1 with Coral.

TV SPECIAL

LEICESTER win at Notts Co, Sheff United beat Birmingham, Burnley v West Ham draw, Arsenal v Man City draw. Acca pays 63-1 with bet365.

DARK HORSE

22-1 MAN CITY ace Antoine Semenyo is in form and could shine tomorrow.

He was a standout in pre-season, as was Arsenal's new winger Christos Tzolis.

If you like City to win in 90 mins, throw in Semenyo and Tzolis to score anytime for a 22-1 treble with William Hill.

Burnley v West Ham

Tomorrow, 4pm, sky sports football talkSPORT

YOU can't even get 2-1 on the Hammers winning the Championship after last term's relegation.

Expectations weigh heavily on a squad losing some star names but luckily they kept the biggest one — Jarrod Bowen *(left)*.

Fellow relegated side Burnley are no mugs, bouncing back with 100 and 101 points the last two times they went down.

Draw at 5-2 is the call tomorrow, with Bowen to net anytime at 2-1 with Paddy Power a solid proposition.

FORECAST: 1-1

Burnley v West Ham draw, both teams to score

16-5

BETGOODWIN

THREAT ... City's Semenyo (right)

Arsenal and Man City to end in a 2-2 draw

11-1

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Evs Favourite

AFTER six World Cup goals for England and 73 for his country and Bayern Munich last term, Harry Kane is Paddy Power's even-money favourite to win the Ballon d'Or.

GOODWINNERS ENCLOSURE

Gunner Bru up a Prem defence

SO the new season is finally here — after four weeks! — and markets are taking shape.

The World Cup was ultimately marginally-profitable for us, with France and England both going out in the semi-finals helping to balance the book.

Now the focus switches to domestic football, and tomorrow's Arsenal v Manchester City Community Shield clash should be fascinating.

The Gunners have had a decent summer in the transfer market and, as reigning champs, look likely to kick off the season as title favourites.

Bruno Guimaraes is a quality addition from Newcastle to an already settled squad.

City are a bit of a work in progress, with the big unknown being what comes after Pep Guardiola.

New boss Enzo Maresca has huge shoes to fill and, despite City's quality and spending power, there will inevitably be an adjustment period.

So we're expecting a tight game with Arsenal to edge it.

Both teams to score at 7-10 is appealing. And we make a Gunners' win and BTTS an 18-5 shot.

This weekend is also the big EFL kick-off — and in the Championship, we make West Ham clear favourites at 7-4.

There's Prem quality in their squad and retaining key players such as Jarrod Bowen gives them a strong platform.

Wolves at 11-2 are the biggest threat, but Middlesbrough at 10-1 could be the value play.

Leicester dropping into League One after back-to-back relegations is extraordinary.

They have the resources to bounce straight back, but the pressure will be enormous.

Plymouth at 15-4 and Luton at 21-10 are strong promotion contenders, while Stockport at 17-4 could be the dark horse.

Crawley could be the value angle in League Two. Their recruitment has caught the eye and they could emerge as a surprise 40-1 package.

Each-way pays on three places at a quarter of the odds.

A GUIM SIGHT FOR RIVALS . . . Guimaraes will add to Arsenal's midfield power

★ FRANK LAMPARD'S Coventry walked it by 11 points in the end.

Last summer it was at least 10-1 on them winning the Championship.

Ipswich were favourites at 3-1 and came second, obliging at just north of evens to go up.

West Ham are red-hot 7-4 favourites now and five of the last 10 champs came down the previous season.

You can get Irons, Burnley and Wolves to all go up at best-priced 16-1 with Betway.

I quite fancy Wolves, who were much better in the second half of last term and will have Mexico's Raul Jimenez back from a terrific World Cup showing.

Wanderers are widely-available 11-2 to win it, and 13-8 to go up.

CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE ODDS (best price): 7-4 West Ham; 11-2 Wolves; 10-1 Middlesbrough; 14-1 Burnley, Southampton; 16-1 Norwich; 25-1 Birmingham; 28-1 Sheff United; 33-1 Wrexham, Millwall.

MARKET RASEN JUMPS

GOING: GOOD

TEMPLEGATE
5.30 Park Hall
6.04 Loriko
6.34 My Friend Sean
7.04 Ballintubber Boy
7.34 Huckleberry Sting
8.04 No More Bolero

TOM PEPPER
5.30 Jentobello
6.04 Mayo
6.34 Gower Prince
7.04 Kiwi De Cotte
7.34 Huckleberry Sting
8.04 Four Decades

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed, undulating, oval course of 1m 2f, seven easy fences per circuit and a run-in of 250 yards. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): D Skelton 34-166, N & W Twiston-Davies 17-66, J & A O'Neill 15-110, James Owen 15-53. THIS SEASON: James Owen 4, M Sowersby 2, D Skelton 2. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): H Skelton 25-104, S Twiston-Davies 24-97, J J Burke 20-86, J Bowen 19-79. THIS SEASON: D McMenamin 3, J Thompson 3, H Cobden 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Way Maker (5.30), Mayo (6.04), La Quarite (7.34) trained at Haverfordwest. Round trip of 620 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

5.30 GET BEST ODDS ODDSCHECKER MAIDEN HURDLE (Class 4); winner £5,446; 2m 5f. (10 runners)

1 547-25 **BROSNA TOWN F14** J Bedi 5-11-4 **Conor Rabbitt (3) 91**
2 000- **CREDIT UNION 126** J Bedi 5-11-4 **Conor O'Farrell 70**
3 **EAGLE ONE F200** N & W Twiston-Davies 8-11-4 **Jamie Brace (5) —**
4 6U-4256 **IFYOUHAVEAPLAN 31** L Allan 5-11-4 **Jack Quinlan 86**
5 113223- **JENTOBELLO 298** I Jardine 6-11-4 **Richie McLernon ●99**
6 7/3PP-P **JUST KEEPS ROLLING 105 (P★)** P Kirby 7-11-4 **Jack Hogan 74**
7 10-32U3 **WAY MAKER 41 (BF)** M Bowen 5-11-4 **James Bowen 95**
8 P **ARCIMBOLDO F15** M Sowersby 4-11-0 **Charlie Maggs (3) 70**
9 323-223 **CENTURION'S SISTER 34 (P★)** N Richards 6-10-11 **Danny McMenamin 95**
10 112 **PARK HALL 33 (H;BF)** D Skelton 5-10-11 **Harry Skelton 98**

BETTING: 9-4 Park Hall, 10-3 Way Maker, 9-2 Jentobello, 6 Brosna Town
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

6.04 BET SMARTER WITH ODDSCHECKER+ NOVICES' HURDLE (4); winner £5,446; 2m 1f. (4 runners)

1 55-1213 **ETERNAL ANGEL 28 (H)** T Lacey 6-11-12 **Jonathan Burke 96**
2 262-112 **LORIKO 28 (BF)** D Skelton 5-11-12 **Harry Skelton ●99**
3 PP-7 **DESTINATION UNKOWN 26 (H★)** M Chapman 5-11-0 **James Best 70**
4 47-37 **MAYO 70** M Bowen 5-11-0 **James Bowen 83**

BETTING: 8-13 Loriko, 11-8 Eternal Angel, 33 Mayo, 100 Destination Unkown
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1-2 1 2
2025: Squeezebox 6-11-0 Stan Sheppard 4-1 (T Lacey), 7 ran.

6.34 DOWNLOAD THE ODDSCHECKER APP HANDICAP CHASE (4); winner £5,149; 2m 1f. (8 runners)

1 6636-52 **MY FRIEND SEAN 31** T Lacey 7-12-0 **Jonathan Burke ●99**
2 06-1657 **BELLE LE GRAND 20** D Skelton 7-11-10 **Harry Skelton 94**
3 1U3P-53 **DOG FOX 22** O Greenall & J Guerriero 6-11-8 **Jack Tudor 93**
4 55-2213 **GHASHAM 22** S England 7-11-7 **Jonathan England 97**
5 PP6P2-2 **GOWER PRINCE 101 (H)** J & A O'Neill 8-11-7 **Richie McLernon 97**
6 514-353 **CLEAN GETAWAY 28 (CD)** P Kirby 9-10-8 **Joe Williamson 95**
7 9-34322 **MISS DENVER 33** N & W Twiston-Davies 6-10-6 **Sam Twiston-Davies 96**
8 -313354 **GENBU 22** S Davies 4-10-2 **Charlie Price 91**

BETTING: 10-3 Ghasham, 9-2 Belle Le Grand, 5 My Friend Sean, 11-2 Gower Prince, 13-2 Dog Fox, 8 Miss Denver, 10 Clean Getaway, 14 Genbu
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 3 4 1 2
2025: Harel Du Marais 8-11-11 James Bowen 7-2 (C & A Pogson), 7 ran.

7.04 ODDSCHECKER FREE BETS HANDICAP HURDLE (4); value to the winner £4,621; 2m 7f. (6 runners)

1 52166-4 **ERNEST GRAY 39 (D)** A King 9-12-1 **Jonathan Burke 91**
2 322-643 **BALLINTUBBER BOY 34 (CD)** N W Twiston-Davies 9-12-0 **Sam Twiston-Davies ●99**
3 1P1-P13 **KIWI DE COTTE 36 (P★;BF,CD)** D Skelton 6-11-5 **Harry Skelton 97**
4 670-339 **BELVEDERE BLAST 28 (CD)** A Keatley 8-11-3 **Oakley Brown (5) 88**
5 223-124 **LOWLANDS 34 (BF)** N Richards 7-11-2 **Danny McMenamin 94**
6 85-3272 **PARIKARMA 27** S Drinkwater 9-10-5 **Miss Imogen Mathias (7) 85**

BETTING: 6-4 Kiwi De Cotte, 4 Ballintubber Boy, 9-2 Lowlands, 7 Belvedere Blast
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 1 2 1 4
2025: Belvedere Blast 7-11-6 Henry Brooke 9-1 (A Keatley), 11 ran.

7.34 ODDSCHECKER+ SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE HANDICAP CHASE (5); winner £3,829; 2m 5f. (8 runners)

1 41-3367 **THE CLONMEL KID 39** P Kirby 7-12-0 **Joe Williamson 94**
2 2P-6556 **A DUBLIN JOB 20 (V;C)** S Davies 9-11-11 **Cameron Johnstone-Baker (7) 87**
3 27P6-P4 **RIBEYE 41 (C)** P Atkinson 11-11-10 **Danny McMenamin 91**
4 71-2312 **HUCKLEBERRY STING 30 (C)** T Ellis 7-11-6 **Jack Andrews 96**
5 213542- **LA QUARITE 340 (D)** M Bowen 6-11-5 **James Bowen 97**
6 225-942 **HUIT REFLETS 28 (V)** M Walford 9-11-0 **Jamie Hamilton ●99**
7 62-UP16 **UNCLE AL 22 (D)** J Bedi 7-10-11 **Conor O'Farrell 92**
8 6FP-866 **FAST DEAL 26** M Chapman 9-10-2 **James Best 75**

BETTING: 9-4 Huckleberry Sting, 3 La Quarite, 4 Huit Reflets, 7 The Clonmel Kid, 8 Uncle Al, 10 Ribeye, 16 A Dublin Job, 66 Fast Deal
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1
2025: St Patricks Bridge 8-11-6 Tom Broughton 3-1 Fav (F O'Brien), 8 ran.

8.04 ODDSCHECKER.COM HANDICAP HURDLE (5); value to the winner £3,565; 2m 3f. (10 runners)

1 /413-11 **NO MORE BOLERO 28 (V;C)** J Owen 7-12-0 **Harry Cobden ●99**
2 24/1 **GOD OF FIRE 33 (D)** J & A O'Neill 6-11-10 **Richie McLernon 96**
3 78864-8 **FOUR DECADES 22** T Ellis 5-11-7 **Jack Andrews 88**
4 6043-13 **FINE POINT 70 (BF)** A Nicol 5-11-7 **Joshua Thompson (5) 97**
5 230-543 **LONE STAR 57 (C)** P Kirby 9-11-4 **Joe Williamson 95**
6 6776-1 **ASHDOWN FOREST 22** D Skelton 4-11-2 **Harry Skelton 98**
7 6843-74 **BALLYNOE BOY 48** N Richards 6-10-13 **Danny McMenamin 93**
8 365-330 **QUICK OF THE NIGHT 24** D Roberts 9-10-6 **Lee Edwards 92**
9 /36-50P **RED TRAIL 57** M Sowersby 7-10-2 **Charlie Maggs (3) 85**
10 3/6-7PP **PAPILLONDELUMIERE 20 (V★)** J Barlow 8-10-2 **David Noonan 74**

BETTING: 9-4 Ashdown Forest, 7-2 No More Bolero, 9-2 God Of Fire, 13-2 Fine Point, 10 Ballynoe Boy, Lone Star, 11 Quick Of The Night, 33 Four Decades
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2-0 3-5 3 1
2025: Sixty Plus 5-12-0 Sam Twiston-Davies 5-2 Fav (James Owen), 12 ran.

AND TONIGHT'S DUNDALK CARD

STANDARD

EAMONN HAMES
1.15 Osterode
1.50 Crayons In The Sky
2.25 Collective Power (nb)
3.00 Trek Home
3.30 Verona Basilica
4.00 Famous Enough
4.35 Iron Fist
5.10 COPPER CRAFT (nap)

TOM PEPPER
1.15 Grande Cuvee
1.50 Ana Morello
2.25 I Bid You Ajou
3.00 Aghadrum Boy
3.30 Ile de France
4.00 Bullet Bourbon
4.35 Nermal
5.10 Navajo Point

■TIC-TAC: A fairly sharp left-handed Polytrack course of 1m 2f. 2.5f straight with an uphill finish. ■DRAW: Low best in sprints. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): A McGuinness 102-916, G M Lyons 67-326, D Marnane 44-280, E Lynam 39-276. THIS SEASON: A McGuinness 12, Robson Aguiar 10, Stephen Thorne 6. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): R P Whelan 71-500, A Caffrey 60-488, C D Hayes 55-796, D McDonogh 54-505. THIS SEASON: D McDonogh 9, 9, C D Hayes 7. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Optics (1.15) trained at Cork. Round trip of 416 miles. ■JACKPOT: Races 3-6. PLACEPOT: Races 1-6. ■TRAINERFAX: A P O'Brien won the 3.30 in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. D K Weld won the 3.00 in 2020 and 2024. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

★ **POINT OF LAW, who had emerged as a St Leger contender for the King and Queen after victory in the Bahrain Trophy, has been sold to continue his career in Australia.**

Winner of a Newbury maiden in the spring, the John and Thady Gosden-trained colt then finished fourth in the Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot before carrying the Royal colours to Group 3 success at Newmarket.

Point Of Law was a 14-1 shot for the season's final Classic next month but the King and Queen's racing adviser John Warren confirmed the son of Frankel is to join trainer Ciaron Maher to continue his career Down Under.

He said: "I'm sure Their Majesties will derive great pleasure following Point Of Law's continued career in Australia.

"Like all owner-breeders the majority of the colts eventually do get sold and the King and Queen will be wishing Ciaron Maher the best of luck."

1.15 MAIDEN STAKES; winner €9,000; 5f. (14 runners)

1 (7) **EAGER LAD** A Oliver 3-9-8 **G Carroll**
2 (2) 0-7 **OPTICS 22 (T★)** M McDowall 3-9-8 **N Crosse**
3 (8) 70 **STRIKEPOINT 22** J Feane 3-9-8 **G Ryan**
4 (4) 755 **BEACH BARBIE 81** E Lynam 4-9-6 **J Ryan**
5 (3) 0-70 **FAMED AGAIN 45** H McLoughlin 4-9-6 **D O'Connor**
6 (5) 00 **FORBIDDEN 49** T Collins 4-9-6 **R Whelan**
7 (11) 93 **GRANDE CUVEE 91** J Stack 3-9-3 **J Heffernan**
8 (13) -864 **INSTITUTE 35 (BF)** A P O'Brien 3-9-3 **W Lordan**
9 (14) 04-8 **MCHENRY SUNRISE 62** J Stack 3-9-3 **A Slattery**
10 (6) 4-60 **NEBROOK STAR 28 (B)** D Dias 3-9-3 **D Lima**
11 (10) 00 **OFF WE GO 35 (P★,T★)** A Oliver 3-9-3 **B Coen**
12 (9) 4 **OSTERODE 62 (V)** W McCreery 3-9-3 **D McDonogh**
13 (12) **TUDOR FLAME** J Feane 3-9-3 **L Roche**
14 (1) 9047 **WHITE SMOKE 35** M Grassick 3-9-3 **D McMonagle**

Institute ●99, Beach Barbie 94, Grand Cuvee 89.
13-8 Institute, 3 Osterode, 6 Grande Cuvee, 13-2 Beach Barbie, 12 Nebrook Star, White Smoke, 20 McHenry Sunrise

1.50 FILLIES MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES; 2-y-o; winner €15,000; 6f. (14 run)

1 (3) 24 **CRAYONS IN THE SKY 38** S Thorne 9-4 **D McMonagle**
2 (14) 34 **HIP HOP CHRISSY 44 (T★;BF)** D O'Brien 9-2 **G Ryan**
3 (6) 555 **TOSCA NO CANDIS 23** R Aguiar 9-2 **D O'Connor**
4 (12) 584 **CLOUGHLEAGH BRIDGE 10** P Murphy 9-0 **R Whelan**
5 (10) **MOUNT PINATUBO** J Foley 9-0 **B Coen**
6 (5) **SCARLET DREAM** A McGuinness 9-0 **A Caffrey**
7 (13) 6 **STARLIT 12** J Harrington 9-0 **S Foley**
8 (1) 6 **ANA MORELLO 21** D Dias 8-10 **D Lima**
9 (11) **STEP IN STYLE** A McCann 8-10 **P McGettigan (5)**
10 (8) **LADY'S COURT** P Flynn 8-8 **C Hayes**
11 (9) **MOYANNA CASTLE** J Heavey 8-8 **L Roche**
12 (7) 0 **OUTSIDE SUN 10** K Smith 8-8 **R Mulligan (5)**
13 (4) 0 **RATHBRAN LADY 6** M Mulvany 8-8 **W Joyce (3)**
14 (2) **SADIE ROSE (H★,T★)** F Hand 8-8 **S Rutledge**

Hip Hop Chrissy ●99, Tosca No Candis 97, Cloughleagh Bridge 91.
9-4 Tosca No Candis, 9-2 Hip Hop Chrissy, Crayons In The Sky, 6 Starlit, 7 Cloughleagh Bridge, 16 Ana Morello, Scarlet Dream

2.25 HANDICAP; winner €15,000; 6f. (12 runners)

1 (6) 4060 **SIR LES PATTERSON 28 (CD)** S Thorne 5-10-5 **P Harnett (5)**
2 (4) 9907 **VALIANT FORCE 34 (CD)** R Aguiar 5-10-0 **D O'Connor**
3 (7) 30-7 **BLACK FORZA 90 (P★;D)** M O'Callaghan 4-9-10 **D McMonagle**
4 (3) 8601 **KERDOS 34 (B;C,D)** S Thorne 6-9-8 **J Kearney (3)**
5 (10) 3300 **DARK ACE 13 (CD)** A McGuinness 4-9-5 **A Caffrey**
6 (5) 9253 **COLLECTIVE POWER 34 (BF,CD)** E Lynam 8-8-10 **B Coen**
7 (8) 4422 **I BID YOU AJOU 24 (BF,D)** M Fahey 5-8-8 **R Holohan (7)**
8 (12) 7943 **CUBAN GREY 6 (C)** P McKenna 6-8-7 **R Mulligan (5)**
9 (1) 1307 **ALLSORTZ 22 (CD)** D Marnane 3-8-7 **L McAteer**
10 (2) 000- **DANDYVILLE 376 (CD)** C O'Connell 8-8-7 **C Hayes**
11 (11) 2959 **FOX IN FLIGHT 22 (C)** D Marnane 3-8-7 **A Slattery**
12 (9) 0638 **ALL THE GIRLS 64 (C)** T McCourt 3-8-7 **W Joyce (3)**

I Bid You Ajou ●99, Collective Power 98, Cuban Grey 97.
11-4 I Bid You Ajou, 9-2 Collective Power, Kerdos, 5 Cuban Grey, 10 Allsortz, 12 Valiant Force, 14 All The Girls, 16 Fox In Flight, Dark Ace

3.00 APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES; winner €7,200; 7f. (14 runners)

1 (8) 50 **TROVAO DOURADO 9** C Murphy 4-10-0 **P McGettigan**
2 (5) 4 **AGHADRUM BOY 35** P Murphy 3-9-8 **R Mulligan**
3 (12) -256 **CALL THE CAVALRY 114** C Timmons 3-9-8 **M Malone (7)**
4 (4) **ELDORADO GLORY** N Meade 3-9-8 **M Sheridan (7)**
5 (2) **HURLEYS HILL** P Flynn 3-9-8 **R Donaghue-Leahy (4)**
6 (14) **STEPPINONCATS** R Devine 3-9-8 **J Cleary**
7 (13) 06 **STRIKE DE VEGA 91** A Oliver 3-9-8 **O Tynan (4)**
8 (16) 4433 **TREK HOME 22** D Murphy 3-9-8 **T Casey (7)**
9 (9) **BRIGIDS CHARM** M Fahey 3-9-3 **R Holohan (4)**
10 (11) 5 **EMIZA 12** D Weld 3-9-3 **P Harnett**
11 (3) **GALAVANTING** H Bromhead 3-9-3 **C Cusack (7)**
12 (1) 0-63 **LITTLE SURE SHOT 38 (B)** H Bromhead 3-9-3 **A Grant (7)**
13 (6) -20U **PUNICA GRANATUM 18** J Harrington 3-9-3 **K Kennedy**
14 (17) 4-50 **SHE'S TOO KOOL 49** C O'Connell 3-9-3 **A Browne-Souza (4)**
15 (10) 0 **ANAVERNA 56 (T★)** M Rice 3-9-3 **RESERVE**
16 (7) 8 **CARRY THE DREAM 34 (H★)** W Browne 3-9-8 **RESERVE**
17 (15) 6 **MY SHAYLA 34** D Marnane 3-9-3 **RESERVE**

Emiza ●99, Punica Granatum 96, Trek Home 96.
5-2 Trek Home, 4 Punica Granatum, 11-2 Emiza, 8 Little Sure Shot, 12 Call The Cavalry, She's Too Kool, Galavanting

3.30 MAIDEN STAKES; 2-y-o; winner €13,200; 1m. (13 runners)

1 (2) **AACHEN** A P O'Brien 9-7 **J Cleary (5)**
2 (1) **EPIC ARCH** A Slattery 9-7 **A Slattery**
3 (11) 5 **EQUUS VICTOR 153** D Murphy 9-7 **D McMonagle**
4 (9) 4 **HIGHEST ORDER 23** G Lyons 9-7 **G Carroll**
5 (8) 5 **ILE DE FRANCE 24** A P O'Brien 9-7 **W Lordan**
6 (10) 0 **KING PADDY 6** P Flynn 9-7 **J Kearney (3)**
7 (5) **MAGNA CUM LAUDE** A P O'Brien 9-7 **R Whelan**
8 (3) 4 **MOLIERE 19** D Marnane 9-7 **L McAteer**
9 (12) **VERONA BASILICA** D O'Brien 9-7 **G Ryan**
10 (13) 9 **ALREEM 48** D O'Brien 9-2 **C Hayes**
11 (4) **BEX NOIR (H★)** F Hand 9-2 **R Whearty**
12 (7) 0 **LUSTED 23** J Halley 9-2 **J Heffernan**
13 (6) **YOUVEONLYONEMOTHER** P Flynn 9-2 **L Roche**

Moliere ●99, Ile de France 97, Highest Order 86.
5-2 Magna Cum Laude, 4 Aachen, 5 Ile de France, 10 Highest Order, Moliere, Verona Basilica, Alreem, 12 Equus Victor

4.00 HANDICAP; winner €6,000; 1m. (14 runners)

1 (2) 790/ **NEVER MIND ME 683** D Geraghty 5-10-2 **J Heffernan**
2 (4) 0522 **FAMOUS ENOUGH 24 (BF,CD)** P Foley 6-9-11 **L McAteer**
3 (16) 3098 **ROMAN HARRY 21 (C)** S Duffy 6-9-11 **C Hayes**
4 (14) 75-1 **MOVIN AND GROOVIN 34 (CD)** D Marnane 4-9-8 **N Crosse**
5 (17) 7061 **BULLET BOURBON 34 (C)** T McCourt 3-9-6 **D McMonagle**
6 (13) 7841 **QUEEN LEILA 114 (CD)** N Kelly 3-9-6 **P McGettigan (5)**
7 (12) 0841 **REPONSE FINALE 3** G Cromwell 4-9-3(7ex) **R Whearty**
8 (3) 7007 **RAMPAGE 34 (V;CD)** T McCourt 7-9-1 **J Ryan**
9 (7) 3008 **TENACIOUS 38** J Harrington 3-9-1 **S Foley**
10 (1) 5391 **BEAU ARMY 8 (V;C)** A McGuinness 3-9-0 **A Caffrey**
11 (11) /0-0 **MISAVA 46 (H)** T Collins 4-8-13 **R Whelan**
12 (8) 6521 **CAUSE I LIKE YOU 32 (D)** M Mulvany 3-8-12 **W Joyce (3)**
13 (6) 5039 **MASTER GARVEY 9 (B;CD)** J Murray 6-8-10 **D McDonogh**
14 (10) 6709 **SIX WINGS 32 (B★)** P Flynn 3-8-8 **L Roche**
15 (5) 8698 **DUE IN JUNE 44 (T★)** I Donoghue 3-8-11 **RESERVE**
16 (15) -005 **ANGEL OF PROMISE 34 (B★)** E Lynam 4-9-13 **RESERVE**
17 (9) 0000 **POLANCO 33** P O'Donnell 3-8-12 **RESERVE**

Beau Army ●99, Cause I Love You 98, Famous Enough 97.
4 Beau Army, 5 Famous Enough, 13-2 Cause I Like You

4.35 PREMIER HANDICAP; winner €30,000; 1m 3f. (14 runners)

1 (4) 0230 **IRON FIST 35** J Harrington 4-10-0 **S Foley**
2 (1) 8027 **APERCU 23 (B;CD)** A Oliver 6-9-9 **R Whelan**
3 (12) 0256 **GENOAH 12 (CD)** M O'Callaghan 5-9-9 **L Roche**
4 (3) 2552 **STAR HARBOUR 3 (V)** A McGuinness 8-9-9 **D McDonogh**
5 (6) 1248 **TOUCH THE MOON 15 (D)** W Durkan 5-9-8 **C Hayes**
6 (9) 4500 **CRYPTO FORCE 112 (P★)** M O'Callaghan 6-9-6 **D O'Connor**
7 (11) 9020 **TRIBAL STAR 15 (CD)** A McGuinness 5-9-6 **A Caffrey**
8 (7) 0697 **SLIEVE BINNIAN 37 (CD)** D Marnane 6-9-2 **L McAteer**
9 (10) 2662 **BEAUPARC 29 (C)** G Keane 6-8-12 **J Heffernan**
10 (14) -983 **FOLLOW ME 46 (V★)** R O'Sullivan 5-8-12 **D McMonagle**
11 (13) 2548 **STEEL CUT 26 (B)** A Oliver 4-8-12 **W Lordan**
12 (5) 8844 **QUATRE BRAS 30 (CD)** R O'Brien 5-8-11 **G Ryan**
13 (2) 8471 **CALA BONITA 16 (CD)** M Smith 4-8-9 **L Roche**
14 (8) 2314 **NERMAL 19** A Slattery 3-8-7 **A Slattery**

Nermal ●99, Follow Me 98, Beauparc 97.
4 Cala Bonita, 5 Follow Me, 13-2 Nermal, Beauparc, 10 Genoah, 11 Touch The Moon, Tribal Star, 14 Quatre Bras, Star Harbour

Sun FORM

IRON FIST (9-2) 22-1 mid-division, dropped away, last of 22 to Raammee (9-2) (York 1¼m hcap (2) £103,080 good).
APERCU (10-0) 11-1 prominent, no impression when reminder 2f out, weakened, 7th of 8 (btn 13l) to Dark Viper (9-2) (Leopardstown 1m 1f hcap €15,000 good).
GENOAH (9-11) 9-2 midfield, kept on, 6th of 11 (btn 3¼l) to Diamond Exchange (9-13) (Naas 1m 3f hcap €9,000 good).
STAR HARBOUR (9-0) 15-2 handy, kept on, 4l by Fixation (9-4) (8 ran) (Gowran 1½m hcap €15,000 good to firm).
TOUCH THE MOON (9-4) 20-1 led, weakened, 8th of 18 (btn 5¼l) to Thread Of Gold (9-0) **TRIBAL STAR** (9-2) 28-1 tracked leaders, weakened final furlong, 10th (btn 6½l) (Galway 1½m hcap €65,999 yielding to soft).
FOLLOW ME (9-8) 40-1 no threat, 9th of 16 (5½l) to Hellorhighwater (9-9) (16 ran) (Limerick 1m hcap €12,000 yielding).
SLIEVE BINNIAN (9-2) 33-1 kept on, 7th of 11 (4¼l) to Thread Of Gold (8-9) (Leopardstown 1m 1f hcap €60,000 good).
BEAUPARC (9-13) 5-1 chased leader, kept on one pace final furlong, no impression on winner, btn 5½l by Teologia (9-6) (5 ran) (Down Royal 1m 5f hcap €12,000 good).
FOLLOW ME (9-13) 7-1 tracked leaders no extra, kept on same pace, 3rd of 13 (btn 2½l) to Thatwilldoso (9-6) (Roscommon 1¼m hcap €9,000 good).
STEEL CUT (9-7) 16-1 disputed, tired, 8th of 9 to War Rooms (9-10) (Ballinrobe 1m 5f hcap €12,000 good to yielding).
QUATRE BRAS (9-6) 11-1 rear, kept on, 4th of 6 (btn 2¾l) to Loughrea (9-12) (Leopardstown 1m hcap €15,000 good).
CALA BONITA (8-7) 8-1 led last 50 yards, bt Zaraahmando (8-12) 1¾l (13 ran) (Galway 1m hcap €12,000 yielding).
NERMAL (9-3) 12-1 midfield, no extra, 4th of 15 (1½l) to Madadanddangerous (10-0) (Galway 1½m hcap €12,000).

5.10 HANDICAP; winner €6,000; 1m 3f. (14 runners)

1 (4) 0008 **DANCING STEVE 9 (V)** A McGuinness 5-10-2 **J Ryan**
2 (1) 0-84 **NAVAJO POINT 34** M Hassett 4-10-2 **P Harnett (5)**
3 (2) 3075 **RISING SKY 29 (CD)** A McCann 4-10-2 **P McGettigan (5)**
4 (8) 9400 **ANCHORS AWAY 37 (P★)** M Quinn 4-10-1 **W Joyce (3)**
5 (3) 4232 **STORM ERIC J8 (C)** J Flynn 7-10-0 **A Grant (7)**
6 (11) 7020 **TORTOLA 31 (H★)** E Griffin 4-9-13 **J Kearney (3)**
7 (6) 0720 **COPPER CRAFT 26 (B)** A Oliver 4-9-11 **R Whearty**
8 (5) 7804 **RETRO GAL 35 (B)** H Bromhead 3-9-7 **C Cusack (7)**
9 (7) 3700 **BARRETSTOWN 71 (CD)** C O'Dwyer 8-9-6 **N Crosse**
10 (14) 6600 **MY VONNIE 34** M Rice 5-9-5 **R Mulligan (5)**
11 (16) -029 **COUL DORE 56 (H;BF)** W Crawford 3-9-4 **J Heffernan**
12 (13) 0006 **SHAHADA ACE 21** A Slattery 4-9-3 **F Moran (10)**
13 (17) 9526 **WINGIT 22 (BF)** P Magee 3-8-13 **T Casey (7)**
14 (15) 0990 **THREEBIGGULPS 44 (H★)** J Coogan 3-8-7 **K Kennedy (5)**
15 (10) 9134 **YQUEM 21 (BF)** R Brabazon 4-9-10 **RESERVE**
16 (12) 0060 **CHLOE'S BOY 14 (P★)** H Rogers 3-9-9 **RESERVE**
17 (9) 0226 **WITHOUT LOVE 10 (V;BF,CD)** C Hughes 4-9-11 **RESERVE**

Retro Gal ●99, Storm Eric 98, Wingit 97.
15-2 Retro Gal, 10 Navajo Point, 11 Wingit, Storm Eric, Coul Dore

RACING RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S SEVEN MEETINGS

CORK

Going: Good-good to firm in places

4.53: 1 WALK ON HARRY R P Whelan (11-2); **2 Southern Boulevard** (11-8 fav); **3 Better Yet** (14-1); **4 Always Magic** (50-1), **4 Arrowstock** (3-1). 16 ran. 1¼l; ½l; hd, dht. H De Bromhead. T: €6.70; €3.70, €1.70, €1.10. Ex: €21.20. Trifecta: €151.70. CF: €14.19.

5.28: 1 AMERILIS Donagh O'Connor (11-2); **2 Simmering Seas** (11-4 fav); **3 Love Bomb** (6-1). 12 ran. 2½l; ¼l. G Scott. T: €6.50; €2.20, €1.70, €2.10. Ex: €36.80. Tricast: €100.78. Trifecta: €165.30. CF: €22.14.

6.03: 1 ALWAYSANANGEL D Browne McMonagle (5-2); **2 Madam Secretary** (7-2); **3 Maire Rua** (5-4 fav). 9 ran. 1½l; ¾l. J P O'Brien. T: €3.50; €1.30, €1.50, €1.10. Ex: €12.20. Trifecta: €27. CF: €11.46. NR: Film Set, Maeda Matsu.

6.35: 1 SUZIE SONGS C T Keane (5-2 fav); **2 Spinning Around** (8-1); **3 L L Koulsty** (14-1). 11 ran. 1¼l; shd. G M Lyons. T: €3.50; €1.30, €2.50, €5.10. Ex: €23.90. Trifecta: €320.10. CF: €24.95. NR: Carolina Jetstream.

7.10: 1 BELIEVED B M Coen (9-4 fav); **2 Amelia Earhart** (11-4); **3 Caught U Sleeping** (5-1). 8 ran. ½l; 1½l. J P Murtagh. T: €3.25; €1.10, €1.30, €1.60. Ex: €9.50. Tricast: €27.30. Trifecta: €33.90. CF: €8.95. NR: Nyra.

7.45: 1 GARDEN PARTY R L Moore (6-5 fav); **2 Zadawa** (13-8); **3 Serendipia** (17-2). 11 ran. ¾l; ½l. A P O'Brien. T: €2.20; €1.10, €1.10, €2.40. Ex: €3.90. Trifecta: €13.80. CF: €3.58. NR: Saxony Charms.

8.15: 1 STARFLOW Conor Cusack (25-1); **2 Reponse Finale** (11-8 fav); **3 Glamazon** (14-1); **4 Dawn Flame** (12-1). 17 ran. ¾l; 1½l; ½l. H De Bromhead. T: €34.30; €5, €1.10, €3.40, €3.20. Ex: €103.70. Tricast: €617.48. Trifecta: Not won. CF: €62.33. NR: Jazz Dreamers, Sheamus Seimhiu.

PLACEPOT: €7.80

EPSOM

Going: Good to firm-firm in places

2.48: 1 BINCIMBAL H Crouch (12-1); **2 Wise And Wonderful** (7-4 fav); **3 Greek Symphony** (85-40). 5 ran. nk; hd. Harry Charlton. T: £13.20; £4.80, £1.30. Ex: £35.20. Trifecta: £93.70. CF: £33.92.

3.23: 1 TANSY LANE K Shoemark (8-13 fav); **2 Desert Symphony** (25-1); **3 Diplomata** (15-8). 4 ran. 1l; 1l. James Owen. T: £1.62; Ex: £13.50. Trifecta: £21.30. CF: £13.88. NR: Tiora Time.

4.00: 1 MODERN TIMES D Probert (9-4); **2 Sir Garfield** (6-4 fav); **3 Ruby's Profit** (15-2). 8 ran. ns; ¾l. James Owen. T: £3.25; £1.30, £1.10, £2. Ex: £7.30. Tricast: £19.96. Trifecta: £27.90. CF: £6.14.

4.38: 1 PRIVATE PROJECT J F Egan (22-1); **2 Mrembo** (3-1 fav); **3 Offiah's Boy** (4-1). 10 ran. 1l; 2½l. P Phelan. T: £23.70; £5.20, £1.40, £1.70. Ex: £109.70. Tricast: £332.30. Trifecta: £610.80. CF: £87.21. NR: Time To Sparkle.

5.13: 1 LOBLOLLY D Probert (5-1); **2 Mystic Moment** (25-1); **3 Chantelle** (10-11 fav). 4 ran. ¾l; 2½l. S Woods. T: £6; Ex: £31.50. Trifecta: £85.60. CF: £54.54.

5.48: 1 PLAY ME D J Murphy (14-1); **2 Red Mirage** (9-1); **3 Spacewoman** (3-1 fav). 9 ran. nk; 1l. J Boyle. T: £16.60; £3.60, £2.40, £1.60. Ex: £139.10. Tricast: £487.35. Trifecta: £806.50. CF: £134.48.

PLACEPOT: £103.10
QUADPOT: £27.60

NEWBURY

Going: Good to firm-good in places

3.00: 1 WE RIDE AT DAWN Harry Vigors (10-11 fav); **2 Raintown** (9-4); **3 Grey Fox** (10-3). 4 ran. nk; 6½l. Robert Edwards. T: £1.91; Ex: £3.20. Trifecta: £4.20. CF: £3.31. NR: Decalogue.

3.35: 1 KING HIGH C Rodriguez (11-2); **2 Quicken Away** (5-4 fav); **3 Rupert The Brave** (11-1). 7 ran. nk; 2l. Owen Burrows. T: £6.90; £2.80, £1.40. Ex: £17.80. Trifecta: £104.50. CF: £12.57.

4.10: 1 SWEETWONDERFULYOU T Marquand (4-6 fav); **2 Art Of Life** (5-1); **3 Isabella De Vega** (5-2). 4 ran. 1½l; 4½l. W Haggas. T: £1.67; Ex: £3.10. Trifecta: £4.60. CF: £4.49. NR: Al Samsama.

4.45: 1 EVENFALL B Loughnane (6-5 fav); **2 Sorrengail** (11-8); **3 Coat Of Red** (11-2). 5 ran. ½l; 2l. G Boughey. T: £2.20; £1.30, £1.20. Ex: £3.50. Trifecta: £7.20. CF: £3.26. NR: Spirit Of Lyra.

5.23: 1 ANGELS LANE N Currie (10-3); **2 Fast Track** (9-4 fav); **3 Wateera** (28-1). 13 ran. 2½l; 1l. H Candy. T: £4.80; £1.70, £1.50, £6.90. Ex: £18.50. Trifecta: £317.90. CF: £10.64.

5.58: 1 ASSARANCA S M Levey (14-1); **2 Zatsgood** (11-2); **3 Media Legend** (11-2). 7 ran (Lyra Lea 11-4 fav). 2l: nk. R Hannon. T: £15; £5.60, £2.90. Ex: £65.50. Tricast: £480.45. Trifecta: £472.60. CF: £86.74. NR: Scutari.

JACKPOT: £4,776.60
PLACEPOT: £23.20. **QUADPOT:** £10.10

NEWMARKET

Going: Good to firm

5.18: 1 ROYAL INSTINCT M Ghiani (3-1); **2 Sontsivka** (9-4 fav); **3 Mount St** (12-1). 11 ran. 4½l; 1½l. M Botti. T: £4; £1.40, £1.50, £3.40. Ex: £12.80. Trifecta: £100. CF: £10.07. NR: Reborn.

5.53: 1 GILDING THE LILY R Havlin (2-5 fav); **2 Date Line** (4-1); **3 Evening Call** (11-2). 3 ran. 1¼l; 1l. J & T Gosden. T: £1.40; Ex: £2. Trifecta: £2.20. CF: £2.28.

6.27: 1 THE SWEET ESCAPE Laura Pearson (11-4); **2 Currumbin** (25-1); **3 Calyxoh** (8-1). 8 ran (Rising Force 11-8 fav). 3l; ns. D Loughnane. T: £3.75; £1.20, £3.90, £2. Ex: £63.40. Tricast: £501.44. Trifecta: £346.70. CF: £65.90.

7.02: 1 MOLLY MAC Grace McEntee (10-1); **2 Northcliff** (15-2); **3 Fifty Nifty** (9-4 fav). 12 ran. nk; 1½l. M Fenton (IRE). T: £11; £2.40, £2.50, £1.50. Ex: £93.10. Tricast: £231.96. Trifecta: £354.30. CF: £84.75.

7.37: 1 PRINCIPALITY Kaiya Fraser (7-1); **2 Tuscan Hills** (6-1); **3 Mythical Guest** (16-1). 10 ran (Storm Star 11-2 fav). ½l; hd. Harry Eustace. T: £8.30; £2.70, £2.50, £3.90. Ex: £55.50. Tricast: £491.66. Trifecta: £607.20. CF: £48.49.

8.10: 1 THE CRAFTYMASTER Myla Coppins (5-1); **2 An Bradan Feasa** (13-8 jtfav); **3 Tarbat Ness** (18-1). 6 ran (Free World 13-8 jtfav). hd; 3½l. A Carroll. T: £6; £2, £1.30. Ex: £17.70. Trifecta: £80.50. CF: £13.83. NR: Rogue Empire.

PLACEPOT: £86.10
QUADPOT: £24

THIRSK

Going: Good-good to firm in places

5.33: 1 FINAL OBJECTIVE James Doyle (1-6 fav); **2 Scenic Route** (10-1); **3 Royal Strike** (9-1). 11 ran. 2½l; ½l. H Al Jehani (UAE) . T: £1.17; £1.10, £2, £2. Ex: £3.70. Trifecta: £13.40. CF: £3.53.

6.08: 1 NATIONAL HONOUR James Doyle (1-5 fav); **2 Gold Key** (20-1); **3 Work Like Hell** (9-2). 5 ran. nk; 5l. C Appleby. T: £1.20; £1.10, £2.90. Ex: £4.60. Trifecta: £9.10. CF: £7.49. NR: Varzi.

6.43: 1 EQUITY LAW D Allan (14-1); **2 Managing Director** (7-2); **3 Accrual** (10-3). 9 ran (Moulin Booj 9-4 fav). 1½l; 1½l. T Easterby. T: £15; £3.10, £1.60, £1.50. Ex: £60. Tricast: £207.51. Trifecta: £201.30. CF: £62.18.

7.18: 1 RAGING RAJ T Eaves (10-1); **2 Return Of The Gods** (5-6 fav); **3 Indefensible** (22-1). 8 ran. 4½l; hd. M Herrington. T: £11; £2.40, £1.20, £3.10. Ex: £27.50. Tricast: £199.52. Trifecta: £165.80. CF: £146.

7.50: 1 MILITARY LEADER P Mulrennan (15-8 fav); **2 Green Pursuit** (16-1); **3 Donna Nook** (7-1). 15 ran. 4l; ½l. Phillip Makin. T: £2.88; £1.50, £4.90, £2.80. Ex: £42.30. Tricast: £181.65. Trifecta: £237.20. CF: £36.49.

TRAMORE

Going: Good

5.05: 1 ANYWAY D J O'Keeffe (13-2); **2 More Coko** (11-4); **3 Rocky's Diamond** (5-6 fav). 5 ran. 2½l; 2½l. D Budds. T: €7.50; €2.20, €1.40. Ex: €13.40. Trifecta: €62.90. CF: €24.45.

5.40: 1 FR GILLIGANSVOYGE P M O'Brien (14-1); **2 Set The Tone** (13-2); **3 Menas Miracle** (13-2). 13 ran (Bob The Builder 9-2 fav). 4¾l; 4¾l. J G Carr. T: €17.60; €4.30, €2.10, €1.60. Ex: €116.30. Tricast: €672.63. Trifecta: €694.80. CF: €108.53. NR: Our Zebo, Pirate Island, Shantou Show, Tropical Image.

6.15: 1 SIMPLE THINGS Peter Smithers (6-4 fav); **2 World As One** (3-1); **3 Chasing Blues** (13-8). 11 ran. nk; 10l. J P Dempsey. T: €2.50; €1.20, €1.10, €1.30. Ex: €8.50. Trifecta: €10.40. CF: €7.46. NR: Jack Spriggins, Seven Towers.

6.50: 1 SMALL BUCKS P M O'Brien (17-2); **2 Rare Times** (9-2); **3 Tingarran Express** (6-1). 9 ran (Sea Of Doubt 4-1 jtfav, Galileo Springs 4-1 jtfav). nk; 3¾l. P E Collins. T: €9.50; €2.40, €1.70, €1.70. Ex: €55.30. Tricast: €250.39. Trifecta: €389.00. CF: €47.55. NR: Golden Wings.

7.25: 1 KENNY'S JEWEL J J Slevin (17-2); **2 Room For One More** (9-1); **3 Hello Below** (11-4 fav). 15 ran. 3l; 12l. Mags Mullins. T: €10.20; €3.10, €2.80, €1.50. Ex: €101.80. Trifecta: €539.20. CF: €90.54. NR: Gratitudeforgrace.

7.55: 1 MOONLIGHT PARADISE E Staples (12-1); **2 Mighty Berkshire** (7-4 fav); **3 Boston Beach** (14-1). 10 ran. 1½l; ¾l. P Nolan. T: €15.40; €3.30, €1.10, €3.70. Ex: €53.90. Tricast: €309.61. Trifecta: €924.50. CF: €35.22. NR: Diamond Secret. Jacko Star.

PLACEPOT: €123.70

YARMOUTH

Going: Good to firm

2.03: 1 MATINS C Fallon (1-33 fav); **2 Emperor Aurelius** (10-1); 2 ran. 16l. W Haggas. T: £1.10;

2.38: 1 ROCK MONTREAL R Dawson (2-5 fav); **2 Mino** (16-1); **3 Junior Again** (9-2). 6 ran. 2½l; 2½l. R Varian. T: £1.40; £1.20, £3.70. Ex: £8.90. Trifecta: £22.80. CF: £9.44. NR: Majestic Jude.

3.13: 1 ZACHARY HICKES R Dawson (6-4); **2 Arcturus Flame** (6-5 fav); **3 Divot** (5-1). 4 ran. nk; 7½l. R Varian. T: £2.50; Ex: £3.60. Trifecta: £7. CF: £3.69.

3.48: 1 HEER'S SADIE C Howarth (17-2); **2 Castlekeely** (7-2); **3 Nicely Curved** (10-3). 10 ran (Letsbeatsepsis 11-8 fav). 1l; 1l. J & S Birkett. T: £9.90; £1.70, £1.50, £1.50. Ex: £51.10. Trifecta: £222.20. CF: £38.74.

4.25: 1 ALWAYS PERFECT P Bradley (13-8 fav); **2 Creative Queen** (15-2); **3 Rumble Ruby** (3-1). 6 ran. ns; nk. C Fellowes. T: £2.80; £1.50, £2.30. Ex: £12.10. Tricast: £32.83. Trifecta: £36.30. CF: £14.62. NR: London Is Blue, Sunlit Sea.

5.00: 1 THANKS DAD Mikkel Mortensen (12-1); **2 Valadero** (7-2); **3 My Mate Mackley** (7-2). 9 ran (Mister Sandman 3-1 fav). 1½l; nk. S Dixon. T: £13; £3.90, £1.70, £1.80. Ex: £69.40. Trifecta: £306.10. CF: £54.76.

PLACEPOT: £53.30
QUADPOT: £25.20

IT'S rare these days that a premature retirement of a Flat horse feels like a real kick in the gonads.

Sadly it's an all-too-familiar feeling, waving goodbye to a potential champion before we've even finished scratching the surface, but the news about **Bow Echo** was actually quite gutting.

Because the Flat has been gagging for a star to emerge over the last few years, with only really City Of Troy capturing the imagination. And he was trained by Aidan O'Brien, so it was hardly going to fire up the masses.

So to have a horse trained by George Boughey, by no means a small trainer but still someone at the start of his career, and ridden by champion-in-waiting Billy Loughnane has given the game a much-needed shot in the arm.

I've been going to Goodwood for years and can never remember the winner's enclosure being so packed and so raucous as it was when Bow Echo and Billy returned triumphant. I'm sure the close proximity of the Whispering Angel bar had absolutely nothing to do with the rowdiness.

Mind you, word is the colt was going to be retired at the end of the season anyway, with a flying visit to France and the US before he started cracking on as a stallion. There was apparently never any question of giving him the winter to heal up and go again next year, which is poor form. I mean, it's not like Sheikh Mohammed is digging down the back of the sofa for loose change and it would have been an amazing boost for racing if Bow Echo had come back at four.

We all understand the commercial side of the game – there is gold in them there breeding sheds – but it is to the detriment of the sport as a whole.

I'm more of a Flat man, but if ever you needed reminding why jumps racing will always be more popular with the majority of punters, this is it.

But it's not all bad news, as we are just a few days away from one of the best weeks of the year.

York's Ebor meeting just keeps getting better, and the stage is set for another memorable week up on the Knavesmire.

I can't wait to get back up there, and not just to stuff my face in several of York's famous eateries.

The humdinger of a clash between **Ombudsman** and **Constitution River** in Wednesday's Juddmonte International is going to hog the headlines, but there are fascinating races and contenders wherever you look.

One horse I'm keen to see in the flesh is **Giant Sequoia**, the current ante-post favourite for next year's Derby, in the Acomb.

The big boy from Ballydoyle is a Giant by name and, by the look of him, a giant by nature, and he's incredibly exciting for the remainder of this season and beyond.

It's an unexpected treat to have **Kalpana** turn up on Thursday, with the King George heroine lining up in the Yorkshire Oaks. She's going to face a proper test from **Johanna Walsh**, mind, who would be my idea of the Arc winner . . . if she was entered.

Another storyline to keep an eye on is that of Rossa Ryan. He managed to get 18 days knocked off his 28-day ban meaning he'll be back to ride at York.

I wonder if he'll pick up rides for Kia Joorabchian during the week, as the jockey situation at Amo still feels far from stable. Now Ryan is back on the scene it could get very interesting.

If you've not been to the Ebor meeting before, you must get in on your to-do list.

As for Bow Echo, his to-do list is looking a lot different now than it was this time last week.

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IF Dream Team bosses want expensive goal-getters like £8.5million Erling Haaland, they'll need to save money elsewhere to stay on budget.

By NICK ELLIOTT

We've identified five value-for-money defenders capable of punching above their weight once the Premier League kicks off on Friday.

For starters, Dan Ballard is just £3m.

The Sunderland centre-back is a potent threat at set-pieces and the Black Cats' early fixtures appear favourable.

Elsewhere, Chelsea's Jorrel Hato (£3m) will be eyeing up some early clean sheets with the Blues set to face Fulham, Hull and Brentford before the first international break.

Leeds have recruited a commanding centre-back in Tarik Muharemovic (£2.5m) this summer so he is worth a look.

The man Muharemovic has replaced, Pascal Struijk (£3m), is also a decent option now Brighton have favourable Conference League fixtures added to their diary.

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EURO GOLD IS VITAL TO MANAGERS

By NICK ELLIOTT

ALL the best Dream Team managers know to make the most of the European fixtures.

This does not just mean the glitz and glamour of the Champions League – but also the Thursday night action in the Europa and Conference Leagues.

English clubs have dominated the latter competition since its inception in 2022.

West Ham, Chelsea and Crystal Palace have all lifted the trophy and their players earned plenty of Dream Team points in the process.

Last season, Ismaila Sarr (£4.5m) scored nine goals in the Conference League for the Eagles.

Consequently, only four other midfielders boasted a superior points-per-game average than the Senegal international's 6.2 haul. It will be interesting to see how Sarr does in the Europa League this season.

As for the Conference League, it's Brighton's turn to have a crack at Uefa's third-tier competition, assuming they win their qualifying play-off.

When Dream Team bosses see the Seagulls up against a team they can barely pronounce, that's their cue to target the fixture in search of bumper returns.

Elsewhere, Sunderland and Bournemouth join Palace in the Europa League, a competition won by Aston Villa in 2025-26.

It's too early to say for sure but the likes of Enzo Le Fee (£3m, *above*), Brian Brobbey (£3m), Rayan (£3.5m) and Justin Kluivert (£3.5m) might prove to be smart picks when the double Gameweeks start.

And of course, the heavy hitters are in the Champions League, with Arsenal, Manchester City, Manchester United, Aston Villa and Liverpool all hoping to get their hands on Ol' Big Ears come June.

Managers who don't target the European games will slip down the leaderboard.

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Ezri Konsa	Aston Villa	£4m
Ian Maatsen	Aston Villa	£3.5m
Pau Torres	Aston Villa	£3.5m
Antonio Silva	Bournemouth	£3.5m
Adrien Truffert	Bournemouth	£3.5m
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Juanlu Sanchez	Bournemouth	£3m
Nathan Collins	Brentford	£3m
Michael Kayode	Brentford	£3m
Sepp van den Berg	Brentford	£3m
Kristoffer Ajer	Brentford	£2.5m
Rico Henry	Brentford	£2.5m
Ferdi Kadioglu	Brighton	£3.5m
Maxim De Cuyper	Brighton	£3.5m
Luka Vuskovic	Brighton	£3.5m
Mats Wieffer	Brighton	£3.5m
Pascal Struijk	Brighton	£3m
Lewis Dunk	Brighton	£3m
Reece James	Chelsea	£4m
Maxence Lacroix	Chelsea	£4m
Levi Colwill	Chelsea	£3.5m
Marco Palestra	Chelsea	£3m
Jorrel Hato	Chelsea	£3m
Pep Chavarria	Chelsea	£3m
Malo Gusto	Chelsea	£3m
Milan van Ewijk	Coventry	£2.5m
Bobby Thomas	Coventry	£2m
Aurele Amenda	Coventry	£1.5m
Daniel Munoz	Crystal Palace	£5m
Tyrick Mitchell	Crystal Palace	£4.5m
Chris Richards	Crystal Palace	£4m
Jaydee Canvot	Crystal Palace	£3.5m
Chadi Riad	Crystal Palace	£3m
James Tarkowski	Everton	£3m
Jarrad Branthwaite	Everton	£3m
Michael Keane	Everton	£2.5m
Jake O'Brien	Everton	£2.5m
Joachim Andersen	Fulham	£3m
Calvin Bassey	Fulham	£3m
Antonee Robinson	Fulham	£3m
Timothy Castagne	Fulham	£2.5m
Kenny Tete	Fulham	£2.5m
Charlie Hughes	Hull	£2m
Elliot Stroud	Hull	£2m
Ryan Giles	Hull	£2m
Matt Targett	Hull	£1.5m
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Leif Davis	Ipswich	£2m
Issa Diop	Ipswich	£2m
Dara O'Shea	Ipswich	£2m
Ben Johnson	Ipswich	£1.5m
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Milos Kerkez	Liverpool	£4.5m
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Ronald Araujo	Liverpool	£4m
Conor Bradley	Liverpool	£3.5m
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Josko Gvardiol	Man City	£5m
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Nico O'Reilly	Man City	£5m
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Ola Aina	Nottm Forest	£2.5m
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Nordi Mukiele	Sunderland	£3m
Dan Ballard	Sunderland	£3m
Thomas Meunier	Sunderland	£3m
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GOALKEEPERS

David Raya	Arsenal	£5m
Kepa	Arsenal	£3m
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Djordje Petrovic	Bournemouth	£3.5m
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Kjell Scherpen	Ipswich	£2m
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Geronimo Rulli	Man City	£3m
Senne Lammens	Man Utd	£4m
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Lukas Hornicek	Newcastle	£3m
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Matz Sels	Nottm Forest	£2.5m
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Mohammed Kudus	Tottenham	£4m
James Maddison	Tottenham	£4m
Mateus Fernandes	Tottenham	£3.5m
Sandro Tonali	Tottenham	£3.5m
Dejan Kulusevski	Tottenham	£3.5m
Mathys Tel	Tottenham	£3m
Archie Gray	Tottenham	£3m

STRIKERS

Viktor Gyokeres	Arsenal	£5m
Kai Havertz	Arsenal	£4.5m
Gabriel Jesus	Arsenal	£4m
Ollie Watkins	Aston Villa	£5m
Tammy Abraham	Aston Villa	£3m
Brian Madjo	Aston Villa	£2.5m
Eli Junior Kroupi	Bournemouth	£4m
Evanilson	Bournemouth	£3.5m
Alvaro Rodriguez	Bournemouth	£3m
Igor Thiago	Brentford	£4.5m
Callum Wilson	Brentford	£2.5m
Georginio Rutter	Brighton	£3.5m
Stefanos Tzimas	Brighton	£2.5m
Charalampos Kostoulas	Brighton	£2.5m
Joao Pedro	Chelsea	£5m
Danny Welbeck	Chelsea	£3.5m
Liam Delap	Chelsea	£3m
Haji Wright	Coventry	£2.5m
Ellis Simms	Coventry	£2m
Jean-Philippe Mateta	Crystal Palace	£4m
Jorgen Strand Larsen	Crystal Palace	£2m
Beto	Everton	£2.5m
Thierno Barry	Everton	£2.5m
Rodrigo Munoz	Fulham	£2.5m
Jonah Kusi-Asare	Fulham	£2m
Oli McBurnie	Hull	£2m
Mason Burstow	Hull	£1.5m
Emersonn	Ipswich	£2m
Chuba Akpom	Ipswich	£2m
George Hirst	Ipswich	£2m
Dom Calvert-Lewin	Leeds	£3.5m
Noah Okafor	Leeds	£3m
Lukas Nmecha	Leeds	£2.5m
Alexander Isak	Liverpool	£6m
Hugo Ekitike	Liverpool	£5m
Erling Haaland	Man City	£8.5m
Omar Marmoush	Man City	£4.5m
Benjamin Sesko	Man Utd	£4m
Joshua Zirkzee	Man Utd	£3m
William Osula	Newcastle	£3m
Yoane Wissa	Newcastle	£3m
Nick Woltemade	Newcastle	£3m
Igor Jesus	Nottm Forest	£3m
Chris Wood	Nottm Forest	£3m
Brian Brobbey	Sunderland	£3m
Wilson Isidor	Sunderland	£3m
Dominic Solanke	Tottenham	£3.5m
Richarlison	Tottenham	£3.5m

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6th-10th: £1,000

GAMEWEEK 1 WINNER: £1,000

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HOW TO SCORE

ALL PLAYERS

Goal	+6pts
Assist	+3
Shot on target	+1
Big chance created	+1
Tackles (per two)	+1
Appearance (up to 60 minutes)	+1
Appearance (60 minutes or more)	+1
Yellow card	-1
Red card	-3
Own goal	-2
Penalty miss	-3

GOALKEEPERS & DEFENDERS ONLY

Clean sheet (min 60mins played)	+5
Each goal conceded over one	-1

GOALKEEPERS ONLY

Saves (per two)	+1
Penalty save	+3

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